

728 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

728 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), constituted, 14 May 1943
Activated, 1 Jun 1943
Redesignated 728 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 20 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 28 Aug 1945
Redesignated 728 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 11 Mar 1947
Activated in the Reserve, 19 Apr 1947
Redesignated 728 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active duty, 10 Aug 1950
Redesignated 728 Bombardment Squadron, Light, Night Intruder, 25 Jun 1951
Relieved from active duty, and inactivated, 10 May 1952
Redesignated 728 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 6 Jun 1952
Activated in the Reserve, 13 Jun 1952
Redesignated 728 Bombardment Squadron, Tactical, 22 May 1955
Redesignated 728 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 1 Jul 1957
Redesignated 728 Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, 1 Dec 1965
Redesignated 728 Military Airlift Squadron, 1 Jan 1966
Redesignated 728 Military Airlift Squadron (Associate), 1 Jan 1972
Redesignated 728 Airlift Squadron (Associate), 1 Feb 1992
Redesignated 728 Airlift Squadron, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Geiger Field, WA, 1 Jun 1943

Rapid City AAB, SD, 9 Jul 1943
Pendleton Field, OR, 10 Oct 1943
Walla Walla AAFld, WA, 6 Nov-23 Dec 1943
Deopham Green, England, 11 Jan 1944-5 Aug 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 14-28 Aug 1945
Long Beach AAFld (later, Long Beach Muni Aprt), CA, 19 Apr 1947
George AFB, CA, 10 Aug-26 Oct 1950
Itazuke AB, Japan, 8 Nov 1950
Miho AB, Japan, 10 Dec 1950
Pusan-East AB, South Korea, 23 May 1951-10 May 1952
Long Beach Muni Aprt, CA, 13 Jun 1952
March AFB, CA, 14 Oct 1960
Norton AFB, CA, 1 Jan 1972
McChord AFB, WA, 1 Jan 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

452 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1943-28 Aug 1945
452 Bombardment Group, 19 Apr 1947-10 May 1952
452 Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 452 Bombardment; 452 Troop Carrier) Group, 13 Jun 1952
452 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959
942 Troop Carrier (later, 942 Air Transport; 942 Military Airlift) Group, 17 Jan 1963
944 Military Airlift Group, 1 Jan 1972
445 Military Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1973
446 Military Airlift (later, 446th Airlift) Wing, 1 Jan 1992
446 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17, 1943-1945
Unkn, 1947-1948
T-6, 1948-1950
T-7, 1948-1950
T-11, 1948-1950
B-26, 1949-1952
T-6, 1952-1954
F-51, 1953-1954
T-33, 1954-1955
F-80, 1954-1955
B-26, 1955-1957
C-46, 1957-1958
C-119, 1958-1965
C-124, 1965-1971
C-141, 1972

COMMANDERS

None (unmanned), 1 Jun-8 Jul 1943
Maj Robert E. Kaufman, 9 Jul 1943
Maj George J. Oxrider, by Sep 1943
Maj Talmadge D. Reed, by Apr 1944
Maj Edward A. Steedman, Oct 1944
Maj Carl M. Thomajan, 11 Nov 1944
Maj Charles W. Lunan, 27 Dec 1944-c. 24 Jun 1945
Unkn, Jul-28 Aug 1945. Unkn, 19 Apr 1947-Jun 1948
LTC Arthur R. Reaume, by Jul 1948-unkn
LTC Claude J. Norton, by Sep 1950
Maj Gene L. Maddocks, 9 Apr 1951
Maj Isaac T. Van Patten III, 1 Jul 1951
LTC John W. Hiney, c. 1 Dec 1951
Maj St. Clair Thompson Jr., c. 8 Mar-10 May 1952
LTC Merle E. Larson, 13 Jun 1952
Maj George M. Becker, by Jun 1960
Maj James L. Menard, by Aug 1962-Jan 1963
Unkn, Feb 1963-Apr 1964
Col George D. Hoffman, May 1964
Col Charles J. Harmon, Jun 1971
Col Evan E. Clements, 1 Jan 1972
Col James M. Rizor, Oct 1973
Col William L. Worthington, 24 Jul 1977
LTC Errol R. French, 29 Aug 1979
LTC William E. Hensley, 7 Jun 1980
LTC Emmet D. Murphy, 1 Jul 1982
Col Lewis Aaronson, 14 May 1983
Col James C. Wecker, 29 Oct 1985
LTC Thomas W. Vinson, 1 Nov 1989
LTC John W. Barton, 1 Aug 1991
LTC Keeton D. Zachary, 13 Nov 1993
LTC Harold L. Mitchell, 9 Sep 1995
LTC David A. Richards, 21 Sep 1997

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy

Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Korean War
CCF Intervention
First UN Counteroffensive
CCF Spring Offensive
UN Summer-Fall Offensive
Second Korean Winter
Korea Summer-Fall, 1952

Southwest Asia
Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

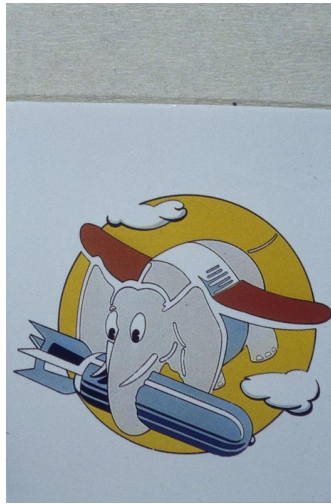
Distinguished Unit Citations
Germany, 7 Apr 1945
Korea, 9 Jul-27 Nov 1951
Korea, 28 Nov 1951-30 Apr 1952

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Sep 1985-31 Aug 1987
1 Jan-31 Jul 1992

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
[31] Oct 1950-27 Oct 1951

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
1 Jan 1967-28 Jan 1973

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Approved, 12 Dec 1984

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OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 5 Feb 1944-Apr 1945. Combat in Korea, 12 Nov 1950-9 May 1952. Flying training in the Reserve for fighter missions, 1952-1955, tactical bombardment operations, 1955-1957, and tactical airlift missions, 1957-1965. Worldwide airlift missions, especially across the Pacific, beginning 1965. Transported ex-prisoners of war and refugees from the Far East to the United States in 1973 and 1975 at the conclusion of the Vietnam War. Took part in operations to liberate Kuwait in 1991.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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