

## 28 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

28 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Provides topnotch on-equipment maintenance to maintain to combat readiness for 29 B-1B Lancers, requiring 655 maintenance and support personnel. Provides the war fighter with combat mission-ready aircraft to conduct worldwide operations by employing air to-ground precision guided munitions against any adversary, anytime and anyplace around the world on short notice.

### LINEAGE

28 Periodic Maintenance Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952  
Activated, 16 Jun 1952  
Redesignated 28 Organizational Maintenance Squadron, 1 Feb 1959  
Inactivated, 30 Apr 1992  
Redesignated 28 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 28 Jun 2002  
Activated, 15 Jul 2002

### STATIONS

Rapid City (later, Ellsworth) AFB, SD, 16 Jun 1952- 30 Apr 1992  
Ellsworth AFB, SD, 15 Jul 2002

### ASSIGNMENTS

28 Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 28 Bombardment) Wing, 16 Jun 1952  
28 Logistics Group, 1 Sep 1991-30 Apr 1992  
28 Maintenance Group, 15 Jul 2002

### COMMANDERS

Col Robert E. Murray, #1959

Lt Col Daniel J. Coonan, Jr, #1959

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1957-30 Jun 1958

1 Jan-31 Dec 1966

1 Jan-1 Mar 1968

2 Mar-1 Jul 1968

9 Jun-10 Jul 1972

1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1978

1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1980

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983

1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990

### EMBLEM



On a disc divided per pale, Sable and Azure, a dexter gauntlet assurgent from a cloud formation in base all Proper, grasping two arrows in saltire heads and shafts to dexter Or, flighted Gules, in chief a skeleton key fesswise wards to dexter Yellow, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "MAHPIYA

AKICITA” in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "28 AMXS" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The fist, representing the Squadron’s roots in the Strategic Command, thrusting the two arrows above the clouds signifying bomb squadrons. The background divided blue and black denotes readiness to employ air power day or night. The gold key, a traditional symbol, represents the Squadron being the key to combat power. Approved on 17 Sep 1965

### **MOTTO**

MAHPIYA AKICITA--Sky Soldiers (Sioux language)

### **OPERATIONS**

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