

28 BOMB SQUADRON



MISSION

The 28 Bomb Squadron is the largest bomb squadron in the Air Force and the largest flying squadron in the command. Its primary mission is to provide all B-1 initial qualification, re-qualification and instructor upgrade training for Air Combat Command. The squadron determines, evaluates and implements formal training requirements to qualify crewmembers in long-range day and night, all-weather and air-to-ground attack. Each year the squadron trains more than 200 B-1 crewmembers from active-duty and Air National Guard B-1 units. The unit services, launches, recovers, repairs and inspects 25 B-1 aircraft. The squadron also maintains conventional combat readiness supporting higher headquarters contingency taskings worldwide.

LINEAGE

28 Aero Squadron organized, 22 Jun 1917

Demobilized, 16 Jun 1919

28 Squadron (Bombardment) authorized, 30 Aug 1921

Organized, 20 Sep 1921

28 Aero Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 28 Squadron (Bombardment), 9 Jan 1922

Inactivated, 28 Jun 1922

Activated, 1 Sep 1922

Redesignated 28 Bombardment Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Redesignated 28 Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 6 Dec 1939

Redesignated 28 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 16 Nov 1941

Redesignated 28 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 28 Mar 1944
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944
Activated, 1 Apr 1944
Redesignated 28 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 10 Aug 1948
Redesignated 28 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 1 Jul 1961
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1983
Activated, 1 Jul 1987
Redesignated, 28 Bomb Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

STATIONS

Camp Kelly, TX, 22 Jul 1917
Toronto, Canada, 25 Aug 1917
Deseronto, Canada, 1 Sep 1917
Taliaferro Field No. 1, TX, 5 Nov 1917
Garden City, NY, 25 Jan–25 Feb 1918
St Marie-Cappel, France, 20 Mar 1918 (flights operated from various Stations in Nord, Pas-de-Calais, and Somme, until squadron reassembled at St Omer on 24 Jun)
Boisdinghem, France, 13 Apr 1918
Alquines, France, 15 Apr 1918
St Omer, France, 24 Jun 1918
Issoudun, France, 26 Jun 1918
Orly, France, 8 Jul 1918
Vaucouleurs, France, 16 Aug 1918
Lisle-en-Barrois, France, 20 Sep 1918
Foucaucourt, France, 6 Nov 1918
Grand, France, 15 Feb 1919
Colombey-les-Belles, France, 15 Apr 1919
Le Mans, France, 4–19 May 1919
Mitchel Field, NY, 31 May–16 Jun 1919
Mather Field, CA, 20 Sep 1921–28 Jun 1922
Clark Field, Luzon, 1 Sep 1922
Kindley Field, Corregidor, Sep 1922
Camp Nichols, Luzon, Nov 1922
Clark Field, Luzon, Dec 1922
Camp Nichols, Luzon, 4 Jun 1923
Clark Field, Luzon, 16 Jun 1938
Batchelor, Australia, 24 Dec 1941 (ground echelon in Luzon and Mindanao, 24 Dec 1941–May 1942)
Singosari, Java, 30 Dec 1941
Melbourne, Australia, 4 Mar 1942
Cloncurry, Australia, 28 Mar 1942 (detachment operated from Perth, Australia, 28 Mar–18 May 1942)
Longreach, Australia, 5 May 1942
Mareeba, Australia, 24 Jul–18 Nov 1942

Pocatello, ID, 30 Dec 1942
Pyote AAB, TX, 24 Jan 1943–1 Apr 1944
Great Bend AAFld, KS, 1 Apr–8 Dec 1944
North Field, Guam, 16 Jan 1945
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 27 Jun 1950–14 May 1954
Pinecastle AFB, FL, 28 May 1954
Homestead AFB, FL, 25 Jun 1956
Robins AFB, GA, 25 Jul 1968–1 Oct 1983
McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Jul 1987
Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

Unkn, 22 Jun 1917–Mar 1918
Unkn, Jun–Aug 1918
3 Pursuit Group, Aug 1918
2 Pursuit Group, Dec 1918–Apr 1919
Unkn, Apr–16 Jun 1919
Ninth Corps Area, 20 Sep 1921–28 Jun 1922
Philippine Department, 1 Sep 1922
4 Composite Group, 2 Dec 1922
19 Bombardment Group, 16 Nov 1941–1 Apr 1944 (ground echelon attached to the 5
Interceptor Command, 24 Dec 1941–May 1942)
19 Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944
19 Bombardment Wing, 1 Jun 1953–1 Oct 1983
384 Bombardment Wing, 1 Jul 1987
384 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991
384 Bomb Group, 1 Jan 1994
7 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994

ATTACHMENTS

RAF for operations and training, Mar–Jun 1918

WEAPON SYSTEMS

JN-4, 1917
Spad XIII,
Spad VII
DH-4B, 1921
NBS-1, 1924–1930
LB-5A
OA-1C
B-3A, 1931
B-10B, 1937–1941
B-18
B-17

LB-30

B-24, 1941-1942

B-17F, 1942

B-29A, 1944-1954

B-47, 1954-1961

B-52, 1962

B-1, 1988

COMMANDERS

Capt James R. Alfonte, 22 Jun 1917

Maj Patrick Frissell, 14 Jul 1917

1st Lt lawton V. Smith, 20 Aug 1917

Maj Cedrick Bourne, 8 Nov 1917-Unknown

Capt C. J. Ryan, Unknown-7 Apr 1918

Capt Thomas S. Bowen, 7 Apr 1918

1st Lt r. Lochridge, 1 May 1918

1st Lt charles N. Jones, 15 Aug 1918-Unknown

1st Lt george A. Mchenry, 20 Sep 1921

1st Lt newman R. Laughinghouse, 26 Jan 1922

1st Lt alfred E. Waller, 3 Apr 1922

1st Lt mark R. Woodward, 6 Jun 1922

Inactive, 29 Jun 1922-31 Aug 1922

Capt Junius H. Houghton, 1 Sep 1922

Maj Thomas J. Hanley, Jr., 1 May 1923

Capt Rosenham Beam, 9 Jan 1924

Capt Aubrey I. Eagle, 19 Apr 1925

Capt Dudley B. Howard, 27 Sep 1926

Capt David S. Seaton, 1 Dec 1926

1st Lt james A. Woodruff, 20 Apr 1928

Capt Arthur W. Brock, 21 Oct 1928

Capt Edward C. Black, 1 Aug 1930

1st Lt jack Greer, 15 Mar 1933

1st Lt levi L. Beery, 21 Dec 1933

Maj Thomas W. Hastey, 15 Mar 1935

Capt John S. Mills, 5 Sep 1935

Maj Lionel H. Dunlap, 29 Sep 1935

Maj Lloyd Barnett, 6 Nov 1936

Capt Julius T. Flock, 1 Mar 1937

1st Lt edward H. Porter, 10 Jul 1937

Maj Guy L. McNeil, 21 Feb 1938

Maj Lester Maitland, Jan 1940

Capt Erickson S. Nichols, 14 Mar 1941

Maj Maurice Daly, 10 Jul 1941

Maj William P. Fisher, 16 Nov 1941

Unknown, 5 Feb-13 Mar 1942
Maj Elbert Helton, 14 Mar 1942
Maj Jack P. Thompson, Unknown-Jun 1943
Capt Victor Poncik, Jun 1943
Capt R. W. Beckel, 1 Jul 1943
Maj Leland W. Johnson, 1943-Unknown
Unknown, 1943-1 Apr 1944
Unknown, 1 Apr-10 May 1944
Capt James L. Coley, 11 May 1944
1st Lt americus Mitchell, 12 May 1944
Maj Donald Taylor, 23 May 1944
Maj Thomas H. Trent, Unknown
Lt Col George T. Chadwell, Unknown-1 Jun 1945
Maj Harry C. Mailey, 2 Jun 1945
Maj George A. Uhrick, Unknown-Oct 1945
Capt Jack Lomax, Oct 1945-Unknown
Maj William C. Wilson, Unknown-7 Jul 1946
1st Lt william F. Bradley (Temporary), 8 Jul 1946-Unknown
Capt Paul C. Mcquat (Temporary), Unknown-16 Jul 1946
1st Lt william F. Bradley (Temporary), 17 Jul 1946
Maj William C. Wilson, 30 Jul 1946
Capt Maxie A. Shirley (Temporary), Dec 1946
Maj William C. Wilson, Dec 1946-Unknown
Maj Joseph W. Howell, Unknown-Nov 1947
Maj Kent J. Richens, Nov 1947
Capt W. R. Sullivan, Feb 1948-Unknown
Maj Charles E. Tibbs, Unknown-Jun 1948
Maj James S. Howard, Jun 1948
Maj H. James, Jul 1948
Maj James S. Howard, Aug 1948
Maj Kent J. Richens, Feb 1949-Unknown
Maj James S. Howard, Unknown-18 Mar 1949
Capt Frederick L. Manthe, 19 Mar 1949
Lt Col Warren C. Miller, 5 Jul 1949
Maj Larry D. Dennis, 27 Apr 1950
Lt Col Fred W. Miller, 17 May 1950
Lt Col Donald O. Tower, 12 Aug 1950
Maj Lawrence A. Greensides, 29 Mar 1951
Lt Col Lloyd W. Preston, Aug 1951
Lt Col Raymond E. Buckwalter, 5 May 1952
Lt Col Robert E. Larkin, 19 Nov 1952
Maj Thomas Q. Jones Jr., 4 Jul 1953
Maj Wilson C. Gammon, 15 Oct 1953
Maj Glenn L. Mccutcheon (Temporary), 11 Jun 1954

Capt Theodore M. Jablonski (Temporary), 20 Jun 1954
Maj Wilson C. Gammon, 27 Jun 1954
Maj Harlis B. Koger (Temporary), 1 Aug 1954
Lt Col Allen B. Gaston, 25 Aug 1954
Lt Col Robert R. Barr, Oct 1954
Lt Col Curtis N. Youngblood, 5 Nov 1954
Maj James M. Mcfarland (Temporary), 22 Nov 1954
Lt Col Curtis N. Youngblood, 5 Dec 1954
Lt Col Allen B. Gaston, 29 Jan 1955
Lt Col Ralph W. Jones, 9 May 1955
Lt Col Wilson C. Gammon, 3 Oct 1955
Lt Col James M. Mcfarland, Apr 1959
Maj James G. Cary, Jul 1959
Lt Col Richard E. Murray, May 1961
Maj Howard Richardson, Jul 1961
Col Marvin T. Rorrer, 24 Oct 1961
Lt Col John F. Hargraves, Jun 1964
Unknown, Jun 1964-30 Sep 1967
Lt Col Vernon E. Baden, By 30 Sep 1967
Col Berry A. Segraves Jr., 30 Sep 1968
Lt Col Archie D. Bower, 15 Dec 1968
Lt Col Frank S. Guzak, By 30 Sep 1969
Lt Col Willis M. Hodges, 1 Jan 1970
Lt Col William J. Epperson, 26 Aug 1971
Lt Col Roderick M. Busbee, 22 Nov 1972
Maj Harry D. Hayes, 8 Jan 1973
Lt Col Robert D. Donaldson, 15 Jan 1973
Lt Col Harold T. Godfrey Jr., 17 Aug 1973
Lt Col Harry D. Hayes, 20 Sep 1973
Lt Col Richard B. Goetze Jr., 30 Sep 1975
Lt Col Waymon L. Sinclair, 15 Mar 1976
Lt Col Oscar E. Bowles, 1 Sep 1977
Lt Col John H. Kirk, (Temporary), 23 Apr 1979
Lt Col Antonio Maldonado, 18 May 1979
Lt Col Thomas J. Harris, 28 May 1980
Lt Col James E. Jardon Ii, 18 Aug 1981
Lt Col Gerald D. Dennis, 17 Aug 1982-1 Oct 1983
Lt Col Michael A. Kenny, 18 Jun 1987
Lt Col Karl M. Peters, 23 Oct 1988
Lt Col William D. Howell, 12 Feb 1990
Col William M. Fraser Iii, 1 Sep 1991
Lt Col Robert C. Tom, 8 Jun 1993
Lt Col Gregory A. Whaley, 2 Sep-31 Dec 1993
Unknown, 1 Jan-30 Sep 1994

Lt Col James M. Kowalski, 1 Oct 1994
Lt Col Stephen E. Wright, 19 Jul 1996
Lt Col Joseph D. Brown Iv, 2 Jul 1997
Lt Col Garrett Harencak, 4 Jun 1999
Lt Col Michael R. Shoults, 18 May 2001
Lt Col Mick R. Guthals, 19 May 2003
Lt Col Jeffry B. Taliaferro, 8 Jul 2005
Lt Col Mark E. Weatherington, 23 Mar 2007
Lt Col John J. Nichols, 30 Jun 2008
Lt Col Ty W. Neuman, 8 Jun 2010
Lt Col Ryan S. Sweeney, 24 May 2012
Lt Col John Hargraves

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War I

Flanders

Lys

Picardy

Lorraine

St Mihiel

Meuse-Argonne

World War II

Philippine Islands

East Indies

Air Offensive, Japan

Papua

Guadalcanal

Western Pacific

Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Korea

UN Defensive

UN Offensive

CCF Intervention

First UN Counteroffensive

CCF Spring Offensive

UN Summer-Fall Offensive

Second Korean Winter

Korea Summer-Fall, 1952

Third Korean Winter
Korea, Summer 1953

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942

Philippine Islands, 8– 22 Dec 1941

Philippines and Netherlands Indies, 1 Jan–1 Mar 1942

Philippine Islands, 6 Jan 8 Mar 1942

Papua, 23 Jul–[16 Nov 1942]

New Britain, 7–12 Aug 1942

Japan, 9–19 Mar 1945

Kobe, Japan, 5 Jun 1945

Korea, 28 Jun–15 Sep 1950

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jun 2013-31 May 2015

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1964–30 Jun 1965

1 Jul 1967–30 Jun 1968

1 Jul 1982–1 Oct 1983

1 Jul 1987–30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1982-1 Oct 1983

1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989

30 May 1990-29 May 1992

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2005-31 May 2007

1 Jan 2016-31 Dec 2017

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

7 Jul 1950–27 Jul 1953

EMBLEM



Khaki, an American Indian (Mohawk) warrior's head couped with face markings, necklace, hair ornament and headband Proper, in dexter chief a lozenge Azure; all within a diminished bordure of the last. (Approved, 14 Feb 1924 and modified in 1996)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Flying training unit, Nov–Dec 1917; combat training with units of RAF serving on the front with British Second and Fifth Armies, 20 Mar–24 Jun 1918 (C flight participated in Somme Defensive, 21 Mar–6 Apr 1918); combat as pursuit unit with American First Army, 2 Sep–10 Nov 1918. 28 flew one hundred and thirty patrols and bombing missions over Germany and areas held by the Axis powers. The squadron is credited with fifteen victories and another fifteen probables between 22 June 1917 and the war's end. It has made 128 patrols and bombing raids into Germany, fought 29 combats and received official confirmation for 15 victories. It suffered six

casualties, consisting of 1 killed, 1 wounded, 2 prisoners and 2 missing.

Combat in Southwest Pacific, 7 Dec 1941–16 Nov 1942; ground echelon fought with infantry units in Philippine Islands, 24 Dec 1941–May 1942; replacement training, 1 Feb 1943–1 Apr 1944; combat in Western Pacific, 12 Feb–15 Aug 1945.

27 November 1944 During a 3,000-mile out-and-back navigation training mission from Great Bend Army Airfield Kansas, to Batista Army Airfield, Cuba, B-29 42-24447, coded '35', of the 28 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 19th Bombardment Group Very Heavy, suffers fire in number 1 engine. Aircraft commander, 1st Lt Eugene Hammond, orders crew bail-out 37 miles S of Biloxi, Mississippi. After all but pilot have departed, the burning engine nacelle drops off of the wing, Lt. Hammond returns to controls, brings the bomber into Keesler Field, Mississippi for emergency landing. Only four recovered from the Gulf of Mexico, one dead, three injured.

Combat in Korea, 28 Jun 1950–25 Jul 1953.

Furnished B-52 aircraft and crews to other SAC organizations involved in combat operations in Southeast Asia until Oct 1973.

23 Oct–3 Nov 2000 Six B-1Bs, along with 100 maintenance and 28 BS airmen, relocated to Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Forth Worth during runway repairs at Dyess AFB. MSgt Pedro Rivera, chief of airfield management, said the runway repairs removed the edges of 3,700 of the 13,500 feet of the runway to replace the asphalt. The shortened runway was problematic for the 28's training mission, leading them to temporarily relocate to NAS JRB Fort Worth. The runway shortening did not affect the 9 BS, 13 BS, or the 317th Airlift Group.

7-22 Mar 2012 The 28 BS participated in the eighth annual Mountain Roundup exercise at Mountain Home AFB, ID. This exercise simulated future NATO operations by flying sorties with multiple services and nations. Capt Alicia Datzman of the 28 BS said the exercise illustrates the importance of the B-1. As the only long-range strike aircraft in this exercise, Capt Datzman said, "Non-B-1 crewmembers are generally surprised to hear the amount of weapons we bring to a fight, as well as our wide range of capabilities with those weapons and sensors." More than 50 aircraft from the United States, Canada, Germany, and Singapore participated, including U.S. Marines from the 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company and five Joint Terminal Attack Controller teams.

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