

28 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

28 Ferrying Squadron constituted, 29 Jun 1942

Activated, 10 Jul 1942

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

328 Ferrying Squadron constituted, 12 May 1944

Activated, 31 May 1944

Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

28 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy constituted and activated, 19 Apr 1960

Organized, 1 Oct 1960

28 Ferrying Squadron and 328 Ferrying Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 28th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated unit designated 28th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy

Redesignated 28 Air Refueling Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

Inactivated, 15 May 1994

Redesignated 28 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, and converted to provisional status, 12 Jun 2002

STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Jul 1942
Long Beach AAFld, CA, 25 Jul-1 Apr 1944
Blida, Algeria, 31 May 1944
Capodichino Air Base, Naples, Italy, 1 Aug 1944-9 Sep 1945
Ellsworth AFB, SD, 1 Oct 1960-15 May 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command, 10 Jul 1942
6 Ferrying Group, 25 Jul 1942-1 Apr 1944
Mediterranean Air Transport Service, 31 May 1944-9 Sep 1945
Strategic Air Command, 19 Apr 1960
28 Bombardment Wing, 1 Oct 1960
28 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991
43 Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992-15 May 1994
Air Mobility Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 12 Jun 2002

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Ferried various types, 1942-1944
B-25
C-47
C-53
B-17, 1944-1945
C-46, 1945
KC-135, 1960
EC-135, 1965-1970

COMMANDERS

Maj Burton K. Voorhees, 10 Jul 1942
Maj Louis B. Bills, Unkn
Maj Melvin R. Hanson, Unkn-1 Apr 1944
Lt Col Alvin R. Knudsen, 31 May 1944
Maj Christopher J. Karas, 18 Dec 1944
Lt Col Alvin R. Knudsen, By Apr 1945
Maj Christopher J. Karas, Jun-9 Sep 1945
Lt Col James R. Hinton Jr., 1 Oct 1960
Lt Col Walter M. Coble, By Aug 1961
Lt Col Carlton E. Justice Jr., Jun 1962
Lt Col Thomas R. Mcgalliard, May 1963
Lt Col Earl R. Van Sickle, By Sep 1964
Unkn, Apr-Dec 1966 (All Personnel And Equipment On Loan To Strategic Wing, Provisional, 4252, Kadena Ab, Okinawa)
Lt Col Twiford Schloeman, Mar 1967
Lt Col William O'barr, By Sep 1968

Lt Col Henry B. Miller, By Dec 1968
Lt Col Lester B. Terrell, 15 May 1970
Lt Col Edmond F. Murray, 4 Jun 1971
Lt Col James S. Lott, 16 Apr 1973
Lt Col Bobby C. Withrow, 17 Jun 1974
Lt Col John A. Conover, 1 Apr 1975
Lt Col Byron S. Fitzgerald, 8 Nov 1976
Lt Col Roy M. Giles Jr., 27 Apr 1978
Lt Col Charles E. Fox, 18 Apr 1980
Lt Col Edward F. Grillo Jr., 29 Jul 1981
Lt Col Danny F. Rich, 16 May 1983
Lt Col Clifford E. Smith U, 28 Aug 1984
Lt Col Leslie R. Drake, 22 May 1986
Lt Col Raymond D. Summers, 15 Dec 1987
Lt Col Michael Callaghan, 19 Sep 1989
Lt Col Keith H. Riggs, 29 Aug 1991
Lt Col Mark D. Schultz, 1992-12 May 1994

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War n American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Rome-Arno

Southern France

North Apennines

Po Valley

Rhineland

Air Combat, EAME

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
19 Aug 1969-23 Mar 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan-31 Dec 1966

1 Jan-31 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 1984-30 Jun 1986
1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990
1 Sep 1991-1 May 1992

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, with Palm
19 Aug 1969-23 Mar 1970

EMBLEM



28 Ferrying Squadron emblem

928 Air Refueling Squadron emblem: approved, 11 Aug 1961

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

From 1942 to early 1944, ferried trainers, fighters, bombers, and cargo aircraft from factories in southwestern U.S. to destinations all over the continent, and after early 1943, to overseas destinations. From Jun 1944 to Jul 1945, as a unit of the Mediterranean Air Transport Service, delivered various types of tactical aircraft to units in the Mediterranean Theater and returned war-weary or repairable aircraft from forward locations to depots. Also provided several courier aircraft to carry mail and passengers to forward airfields.

Flew worldwide air refueling missions, 1960-1994. Added post attack command and control mission to its functions, 1965-1970.

Rotated air refueling crews and aircraft, on loan to provisional units, to Southeast Asia, Mar 1966-Nov 1975.

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