

## 28 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

28 Operations Support Squadron Ensures Wing combat readiness for worldwide operational taskings. Plans and supports combat operations and deployments for two tactical B-1B squadrons. Provides deployable planning and support teams for B-1B employment. Manages base airfield and radar approach control facility. Provides air traffic control, weather, airspace management, intelligence, life support, simulator, scheduling, and maintenance analysis.

### LINEAGE

28 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1943

Activated, 1 Feb 1943

Redesignated 28 Airdrome Squadron (Special), 16 Apr 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

Reconstituted, 11 Sep 1946

Activated, 15 Oct 1946

Inactivated, 28 Jul 1948

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

28 Operations Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952

Activated, 16 Jun 1952

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1962

28 Airdrome Squadron (Special) and 28 Operations Squadron consolidated, 29 Aug 1991.

Consolidated organization designated, 29 Aug 1991.

Activated, 1 Sep 1991

### **STATIONS**

Kearney AAB, NE, 1 Feb 1943

Scott Field, IL, 17 Aug 1943

Kearney AAB, NE, Nov 1943-1 Apr 1944

Atkinson Field (later, Atkinson AFB), British Guiana, 15 Oct 1946-28 Jul 1948

Rapid City (later, Ellsworth) AFB, SD, 16 Jun 1952-1 Jan 1962

Ellsworth AFB, SD, 1 Sep 1991-

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Second Air Force, 1 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944

24 Composite Wing, 15 Oct 1946-28 Jul 1948

28 Air Base (later, 28 Combat Support) Group, 16 Jun 1952-1 Jan 1962

28 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991

### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Thomas R. Cook, Jr., #1959

Maj Howard M. Duff, #1959

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

World War II

American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" Device

1 Jun 2001-31 May 2003

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jun 2011-31 May 2013

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1957-30 Jun 1958

1 Sep 1991-1 Jul 1993

1 Jun-30 Nov 1994

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jun 2003-31 May 2005

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009

## EMBLEM



On a disc Sable, a griffin sejant eyed Gules and beaked Or, dexter paw resting on a terrestrial globe in dexter Proper, in dexter chief a lightning burst Gules, charged with a second burst and emitting three radiant lightning flashes to base overall Or, all within a diminished bordure Light Blue. Attached below the shield, a Black scroll inscribed "28 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Blue 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 griffin suggests the valor and vigilant strength of the Squadron. The lightning flashes and globe represent the explosive nature of the unit's global engagement capabilities necessary for successful missions. Approved on 28 Apr 1999.

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

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### Sources

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