

28 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

The defenders of the 28 Security Forces Squadron provide integrated defense and combat capability to Ellsworth, the United States and the Air Force worldwide. Whether at home station or forward deployed, members of the 28 SFS provide an impenetrable umbrella of force protection encompassing all personnel, property and resources.

LINEAGE

Designated Squadron B, 28 Airdrome Group, 28 Jul 1947

Organized, 15 Aug 1947

Discontinued, 12 Jul 1948

28 Air Police Squadron, Bombardment, Medium constituted, 28 May 1948

Activated, 12 Jul 1948

Redesignated 28 Air Police Squadron, Bombardment, Heavy, 16 May 1949

Redesignated 28 Air Police Squadron, 16 Mar 1950

Redesignated 28 Combat Defense Squadron, 1 Feb 1959

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1962

Squadron B, 28 Airdrome Group and 28 Combat Defense Squadron consolidated, 12 Oct 1984

Redesignated 28 Security Police Squadron, 12 Oct 1984

Activated, 1 Sep 1991

Redesignated 28 Security Forces Squadron, 1 Oct 1997

STATIONS

Rapid City AAB (later, Rapid City Afld; Rapid City AFB; Ellsworth AFB), SD, 15 Aug 1947-1 Jan 1962.
Ellsworth AFB, SD, 1 Sep 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

28 Airdrome (later, 28 Air Base; 28 Combat Support) Group, 15 Aug 1947 – 1 Jan 1962
28 Support Group, 1 Sep 1991

COMMANDERS

Capt Eugene F. McLaughlin, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jun 2001 – 31 May 2003 (with Valor)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Sep 1957 – 30 Jun 1958
1 Jul 1984 – 30 Jun 1986
1 Jul 1986 – 30 Jun 1988
1 Jul 1992 – 30 Jun 1994
1 Jun 1994 – 30 Nov 1994
1 Jun 1997 – 31 May 1999
1 Jun 2003 – 31 May 2005

EMBLEM



28 Combat Defense Squadron emblem: On an Air Force blue disc, an American bald eagle, wings

raised in flight, natural colors, carrying in his left talons, the Liberty Bell, white, wood mounting brown, in his right talons, a brown rifle all flanked on either side by a green olive branch arched; all above an Air Force golden yellow link chain arched from dexter to sinister. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission Against a background Of ultramarine blue and a golden yellow chain to reflect the Air Force colors of and the security provided by this unit, an American Bald Eagle, representing the guardian of peace and freedom, carries the Liberty Bell and a rifle, representing the defense weapon. The olive branches symbolize the peace which is our goal. The entire emblem Indicates that the 28th Combat Defense Squadron protects peace and freedom by providing security for the SAC deterrent force.

28 Security Forces Squadron emblem: On a disc per chevron Celeste and Azure, throughout an American bald eagle stooping to dexter Proper encircled by an annulet of chain bearing fifty links Argent, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "HONOR INTEGRITY COURAGE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "28 SECURITY FORCES SQ" in Yellow letters. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. **SIGNIFICANCE:** 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 chevron represents a mountain and symbolizes the unit's unshakeable determination to accomplish the mission. The American bald eagle represents the lethal power with which to strike an adversary with the determination to protect the nation. The unbroken chain symbolizes teamwork and the need for constant 360 degree security. The fifty links represent the individual and combined strength of unit members, as well as the fifty states. The unit motto, "Honor Integrity Courage," denotes the ideals which guide the unit's conduct in the performance of its duties.

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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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