

## 528<sup>th</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, MEDIUM



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

528<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Oct 1942  
Activated, 3 Nov 1942  
Inactivated, 20 Feb 1946  
Redesignated 528<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 13 May 1947  
Activated in the reserve, 29 May 1947  
Redesignated 528<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 26 Jun 1949  
Ordered to active service, 1 May 1951  
Inactivated, 16 May 1951  
Activated, 11 Jul 1955  
Redesignated 528<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Heavy  
Redesignated 528<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Medium  
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1991

#### STATIONS

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 3 Nov 1942  
Biggs Field Field, TX, 2 Dec 1942  
Lowry Field, CO, 4 Mar-19 Apr 1943  
Fenton, Australia, 28 Apr 1943  
Darwin, Australia, 20 Aug 1944  
San Jose, Mindoro, 21 Feb 1945  
Okinawa, 8 Aug 1945  
Ft William McKinley, Luzon, 28 Nov 1945-20 Feb 1946  
MacDill Field, FL, 29 May 1947-16 May 1951  
Plattsburg AFB, NY, 11 Jul 1955

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group; 3 Nov 1942-20 Feb 1946  
Fourteenth Air Force, 29 May 1947  
380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 16 Jun 1947-16 May 1951  
380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, 11 Ju1 1955

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1942-1945  
B-24D  
B-47, 1955  
B-52G  
FB-111A

## **COMMANDERS**

1Lt Linnon R. Blackman

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan  
China Defensive  
New Guinea  
Bismarck Archipelago  
Western Pacific  
Luzon  
Southern Philippines  
China Offensive

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Borneo, 13, 15 and 17 Aug 1943  
New Guinea, 20 Apr-17 May 1944

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

## **EMBLEM**



528<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Heavy emblem: On a golden orange disc, thin border black, a caricatured figure with brown flight suit and aviator's helmet, riding a blue aerial bomb with red and white bands on tail fins, falling to dexter base, and carrying a machine gun gray with perforated cooling jacket, emitting blue smoke from the barrel. (Approved, 5 May 1943)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in Southwest and Western Pacific, 21 May 1943-24 Jul 1945.

There they became part of the 528th Bomb Squadron, which had become a paper organization without aircraft or personnel due to the B-47 phase-out. The 70th Bomb Squadron was inactivated on June 25, 1966. Several factors entered into the decision to move the bombers. First, SAC wanted to reduce the number of B-52s at Loring for several years in line with its dispersal program initiated in 1959. But there simply was no location capable of accepting the squadron until the B-47 phase-out was complete. Secondly, Plattsburgh had lost its Atlas missile mission and without a tactical mission, the base faced closure; a possibility that SAC did not want to see. Thus, the bomber squadron move kept Plattsburgh alive and increased the survivability of another portion of the SAC bomber force.

1968 21 January, A B-52G 58-0188, carrying four hydrogen bombs crashes on the ice seven miles from Thule Air Base, Greenland at 1639 hrs. AST, 1 crew member killed; all four B-28 weapons are consumed in post-crash fire, however one bomb unaccounted for after debris is audited; extensive contamination of site and several relief workers exposed to radiation. This accident caused the Department of Defense to suspend Operation Chrome Dome, the nuclear airborne alert program of SAC.