

## 28<sup>th</sup> BOMB SQUADRON



### LINEAGE

28<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron organized, 22 Jun 1917

Demobilized, 16 Jun 1919

28<sup>th</sup> Squadron (Bombardment) authorized, 30 Aug 1921  
Organized, 20 Sep 1921

28<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 28<sup>th</sup> Squadron (Bombardment), 9 Jan 1922

Inactivated, 28 Jun 1922

Activated, 1 Sep 1922

Redesignated 28<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Redesignated 28<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 6 Dec 1939

Redesignated 28<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 16 Nov 1941

Redesignated 28<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 28 Mar 1944

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944

Activated, 1 Apr 1944

Redesignated 28<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 10 Aug 1948

Redesignated 28<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 1 Jul 1961

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1983

Activated, 1 Jul 1987

Redesignated, 28<sup>th</sup> 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, c. 24 Dec 1941 (ground echelon in Luzon and Mindanao, 24 Dec 1941–  
May 1942)  
Singosari, Java, 30 Dec 1941  
Melbourne, Australia, c. 4 Mar 1942  
Cloncurry, Australia, c. 28 Mar 1942 (detachment operated from Perth, Australia, 28 Mar–18  
May 1942)  
Longreach, Australia, 5 May 1942  
Mareeba, Australia, 24 Jul–c. 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 (5 Jul 1950–14 May 1954)***  
Pinecastle AFB, FL, 28 May 1954  
Homestead AFB, FL, 25 Jun 1956 ***1 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  
3d Pursuit Group, Aug 1918  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Composite Group, 2 Dec 1922  
19<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 16 Nov 1941–1 Apr 1944 (ground echelon attached to the 5th  
Interceptor  
Command, c. 24 Dec 1941–May 1942)  
19<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944  
19<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, 1 Jun 1953–1 Oct 1983  
384<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, 1 Jul 1987  
384<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991  
384<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, 1 Jan 1994  
7<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Oct 1994

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

RAF for operations and training, Mar–Jun 1918

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

JN-4, 1917  
Spad XIII,  
Spad VII

DH-4, 1921-1922  
DH-4, 1922-c. 1928  
NBS-1, 1924-1930  
LB-5  
OA-1  
B-3, c. 1931-1937  
B-10, 1937-1941  
B-18  
B-17  
LB-30  
B-24, 1941-1942  
B-17, 1942-1944  
B-29, 1944-1954  
B-47, 1954-1961  
B-52, 1962-1972, 1973-1983  
B-1, 1988

#### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

B-52H: 00008, 00023, 00026, 00029, 00036, 00043, 00051, 10002, 10003, 10008, 10009, 10011, 10012, 10014, 10027, 10039, 10040

#### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

#### **UNIT COLORS**

#### **COMMANDERS**

1st Lt. George A. McHenry 20 Sep 21-26 Jan 22  
1st Lt. Newman R. Laughinghouse 26 Jan 22-3 Apr 22  
1st Lt. Alfred E. Waller 3 Apr 22-6 Jun 22  
1st Lt. Mark R. Woodward 6 Jun 22-28 Jun 22  
Inactive 29 Jun 22-31 Aug 22  
Capt. Junius H. Houghton 1 Sep 22-1 May 23  
Maj. Thomas J. Hanley, Jr. 1 May 23-9 Jan 24  
Capt. Rosenham Beam 9 Jan 24-19 Apr 25  
Capt. Aubrey I. Eagle 19 Apr 25-27 Sep 26  
Capt. Dudley B. Howard 27 Sep 26-1 Dec 26  
Capt. David S. Seaton 1 Dec 26-20 Apr 28  
1st Lt. James A. Woodruff 20 Apr 28-21 Oct 28  
Capt. Arthur W. Brock 21 Oct 28-1 Aug 30  
Capt. Edward C. Black 1 Aug 30-15 Mar 33  
1st Lt. Jack Greer 15 Mar 33-21 Dec 33  
1st Lt. Levi L. Beery 21 Dec 33-15 Mar 35  
Maj. Thomas W. Hastey 15 Mar 35-5 Sep 35  
Capt. John S. Mills 5 Sep 35-29 Sep 35  
Maj. Lionel H. Dunlap 29 Sep 35-6 Nov 36

Maj. Lloyd Barnett 6 Nov 36-1 Mar 37  
Capt. Julius T. Flock 1 Mar 37-10 Jul 37  
1st Lt. Edward H. Porter 10 Jul 37-21 Feb 38  
Maj. Guy L. McNeil 21 Feb 38-ao Sep 39  
Maj. Lester Maitland ao Jan 40-14 Mar 41  
Capt. Erickson S. Nichols 14 Mar 41-10 Jul 41  
Maj. Maurice Daly 10 Jul 41-16 Nov 41  
Maj. William P. Fisher 16 Nov 41-5 Feb 42

Cpt James R. Alfonte, 22 Jun 1917  
Maj Patrick Frissell, 14 Jul 1917  
1Lt Lawton V. Smith, c. 20 Aug 1917  
Maj Cedrick Bourne, c. 8 Nov 1917-unknown  
Cpt C. J. Ryan, unknown-7 Apr 1918  
Cpt Thomas S. Bowen, 7 Apr 1918  
1Lt R. Lochridge, 1 May 1918  
1Lt Charles N. Jones, c. 15 Aug 1918-unknown  
Cpt J. H. Houghton, by Feb 1923  
Cpt Thomas J. Hanley Jr., by Aug 1923  
Cpt Rosenham Beam, by Mar 1924  
Maj Don McNeal, 1939  
Cpt Schonwein, 1940  
Maj Lester J. Maitland, 1940  
Cpt Nichols, 1941  
Maj Maurice F. Daly, 1941  
Cpt William K. Horrigan, 1941  
Maj William P. Fisher, c. Oct 1941  
Unknown, c. 5 Feb-13 Mar 1942  
Maj Elbert Helton, c. 14 Mar 1942  
Maj Jack P. Thompson, unknown-Jun 1943  
Cpt Victor Poncik, Jun 1943  
Cpt R. W. Beckel, c. 1 Jul 1943  
Maj Leland W. Johnson, 1943-unknown  
Unknown, 1943-1 Apr 1944  
Unknown, 1 Apr-10 May 1944  
Cpt James L. Coley, 11 May 1944  
1Lt Americus Mitchell, 12 May 1944  
Maj Donald Taylor, 23 May 1944  
Maj Thomas H. Trent, unknown  
LTC George T. Chadwell, unknown-1 Jun 1945  
Maj Harry C. Mailey, 2 Jun 1945  
Maj George A. Uhrick, unknown-Oct 1945  
Cpt Jack Lomax, Oct 1945-unknown  
Maj William C. Wilson, unknown-7 Jul 1946

1Lt William F. Bradley (temporary), 8 Jul 1946-unknown  
Cpt Paul C. McQuat (temporary), unknown-16 Jul 1946  
1Lt William F. Bradley (temporary), 17 Jul 1946  
Maj William C. Wilson, 30 Jul 1946  
Cpt 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  
Cpt 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  
Cpt Frederick L. Manthe, 19 Mar 1949  
LTC Warren C. Miller, 5 Jul 1949  
Maj Larry D. Dennis, 27 Apr 1950  
LTC Fred W. Miller, 17 May 1950  
LTC Donald O. Tower, 12 Aug 1950  
Maj Lawrence A. Greensides, c. 29 Mar 1951  
LTC Lloyd W. Preston, Aug 1951  
LTC Raymond E. Buckwalter, 5 May 1952  
LTC 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  
Cpt Theodore M. Jablonski (temporary), 20 Jun 1954  
Maj Wilson C. Gammon, 27 Jun 1954  
Maj Harlis B. Koger (temporary), 1 Aug 1954  
LTC Allen B. Gaston, 25 Aug 1954  
LTC Robert R. Barr, Oct 1954  
LTC Curtis N. Youngblood, 5 Nov 1954  
Maj James M. McFarland (temporary), 22 Nov 1954  
LTC Curtis N. Youngblood, 5 Dec 1954  
LTC Allen B. Gaston, 29 Jan 1955  
LTC Ralph W. Jones, 9 May 1955  
LTC Wilson C. Gammon, 3 Oct 1955  
LTC James M. McFarland, Apr 1959  
Maj James G. Cary, Jul 1959  
LTC Richard E. Murray, May 1961  
Maj Howard Richardson, Jul 1961  
Col Marvin T. Rorrer, 24 Oct 1961  
LTC John F. Hargraves, Jun 1964  
Unknown, Jun 1964-30 Sep 1967  
LTC Vernon E. Baden, by 30 Sep 1967

Col Berry A. Segraves Jr., by 30 Sep 1968  
LTC Archie D. Bower, 15 Dec 1968  
LTC Frank S. Guzak, by 30 Sep 1969  
LTC Willis M. Hodges, 1 Jan 1970  
LTC William J. Epperson, 26 Aug 1971  
LTC Roderick M. Busbee, 22 Nov 1972  
Maj Harry D. Hayes, 8 Jan 1973  
LTC Robert D. Donaldson, 15 Jan 1973  
LTC Harold T. Godfrey Jr., 17 Aug 1973  
LTC Harry D. Hayes, 20 Sep 1973  
LTC Richard B. Goetze Jr., by 30 Sep 1975  
LTC Waymon L. Sinclair, 15 Mar 1976;  
LTC Oscar E. Bowles, 1 Sep 1977  
LTC John H. Kirk, (temporary), 23 Apr 1979  
LTC Antonio Maldonado, 18 May 1979  
LTC Thomas J. Harris, 28 May 1980  
LTC James E. Jardon II, 18 Aug 1981  
LTC Gerald D. Dennis, 17 Aug 1982-1 Oct 1983  
LTC Michael A. Kenny, 18 Jun 1987  
LTC Karl M. Peters, 23 Oct 1988  
LTC William D. Howell, 12 Feb 1990  
Col William M. Fraser III, 1 Sep 1991  
LTC Gregory A. Whaley, 2 Sep-31 Dec 1993  
Unknown, 1 Jan-30 Sep 1994  
LTC James M. Kowalski, 1 Oct 1994  
LTC Stephen E. Wright, 19 Jul 1996  
LTC Joseph D. Brown IV, 2 Jul 1997

LTC 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**

None

### **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–[c. 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

### **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

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 on 14 Feb 1924 and modified in 1996; based on World War I emblem.

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

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

28 BOMB SQUADRON B-1B AND AIRCREW PARTICIPATED IN RECORD BREAKING LONG DISTANCE CONVENTIONAL BOMBING EXERCISE. 1992

### **28th BS**

Equipped with B-52H from 2/62 and utilised this model until 1968. Transferred to Robins AFB, Georgia, on 25/7/68 and acquired B-52G aircraft previously flown by the 781 BS/465 BW. Inactivated on 1/10/83.

Constituted in the Regular Army on 30 August 1921 as the 28th Squadron (Bombardment) and assigned to the Ninth Corps Area. Organized on 20 September 1921 at Mather Field, CA. Consolidated on 9 January 1922 with the 28th Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized on 22 June 1917 at Kelly Field, TX; demobilized on 16 June 1919 at Mitchel Field, NY; reconstituted on 9 January 1922). Inactivated on 28 June 1922 at Mather Field. Activated on 1 September 1922 at Clark Field, PI, and assigned to the Philippine Department. Assigned on 2 December 1922 to the 4th Composite Group. Redesignated as the 28th Bombardment Squadron on 25 January 1923. Transferred on 4 June 1923 to Nichols Field, PI. Transferred on 16 June 1938 to Clark Field. Redesignated as the 28th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 6 December 1939. Relieved from assignment to the 4th Composite Group on 16 November 1941 and assigned to the 19th Bombardment Group. Redesignated as the 28th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 1 November 1941.

The Twenty-eighth Aero Squadron insignia is that of a painted American Indian looking to the left. Its headdress includes a single feather. The Twenty-eighth Aero Squadron was a pursuit squadron. It was assigned to the Third Pursuit Group, First Army, on August 22, 1918, having reached the Front at Vaucottleurs July 15th. This squadron was engaged in the operations in the Toul Sector, St. Mihiel and the Argonne-Meuse first and second offensives. It ceased operations April 10, 1919. 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.

28th Aero Squadron: 1st Lt. C. Maury Jones

### *History of 28th Squadron*

*Lineage: Organized as 28th Aero Squadron on 22 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 16 Jun 1919. Reconstituted and consolidated (9 Jan 1922) with 28th Squadron which was authorized on 30 Aug 1921. Organized on 20 Sep 1921. Inactivated on 28 Jun 1922. Activated on 1 Sep 1922. Redesignated: 28th Bombardment Squadron on 25 Jan 1923; 28th Bombardment Squadron (Medium ) on 6 Dec 1939; 28th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 16 Nov 1941; 28th Bombardment Squadron (Very Heavy) on 28 Mar 1944. Inactivated on 1 Apr 1944. Activated on 1 Apr 1944. Redesignated: 28th Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 10 Aug 1948; 28th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 1 Jul 1961.*

*Assignments: Unkn, 22 Jun 1917-Mar 1918; attached to RAF for operations and training, Mar-Jun 1918; unkn, Jun-Aug 1918; 3rd Pursuit Group, Aug 1918; 2d Pursuit Group, Dec-Apr 1919. Ninth Corps Area, 20 Sep 1921-28 Jun 1922. Philippine Department, 1 Sep 1922; 4th Composite Group, 2 Dec 1922; 19th Bombardment Group, 16 Nov 1941-1 Apr 1944 (ground echelon attached to the 5th Interceptor Command, c 24 Dec 1941-May 1942). 19th Bombardment Group, 1 Apr 1944; 19th Bombardment Wing, 1 Jun 1953.*

*Stations: Camp Kelly, Tex, 22 Jun 1917; Toronto, Ont, Canada, 25 Aug 1917; Deseronto, Ont, Canada, 1 Sep 1917; Taliaferro Field No.1, Tex, 5 Nov 1917; Garden City, l'N, 25 Jan-5 Feb 1918; St Marie-Cappel, France, 20 Mar 19 18 (flights operated from various stations in Nord, Pasde-Calais, and Somme, until squadron reassembled at St Omer on 24 Jun: headquarters and B flights located in Flanders; C flight in Picardv; A fljght in Flanders until 6 Jun when it moved to Picardy and joined C flight at Rousseauville in the Amiens sector); Boisdingham, France, 1 3 Apr 1918; Alquines, France, 15 Apr 191b3; St Omer, France 24 Jun 1918; Issoudun, France, 26 Jun 19 16; Orly, France, 8 Jul 19 18; Vaucouleurs, France, 16 Aug 19 18; Lisle-en-Barrois, France, 20 Sep 191b3; 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. Mother Field, Calif, 20 Sep 1921-28 Jun 1922 Clark Field, Luzon, 1 Sep 1922; Kindley Field, Corregidor, Sep 1922; Camp Nichols, Luzon, 4 Nov 1922; Clark Field, Luzon, Dec 1922; Camp Nichols, Luzon, 4 Jun 1923; Clark Field Luzon, 16 Jun 1938; Batchelor, Australia c. 24 Dec 1941 (ground echelon in Luzon and Mindanao, c 24 Dec 1941-May 1942); Singosari.Java 30 Dec 1941; Melbourne, Austrdlia, c 4 Mar 1942; Cloncurry, Australia c. 28 Mar 1942 (detachment operated from Perth, Australia 28 Mar-18 May 1942); Longreach, Australia c 5 May 1942; Mareeba Australia 24 Jul c 18 Nov 1942; Pocatello, Idaho, c. 30 Dec 1942; Pyote AAB Tex 24 Jan 1943-1 Apr 1944. Great Bend AAFld Eon, 1 Apr Dec*

1944; North Field, Guam, 16 Jan 1945; Kadena, Okinawa, 27 Jun 1950-14 May 1954; Pinecastle AFB, Fla. c. 28 May 1954; Homestead AFB, Fla, c. 25 Jun 1956.

Aircraft: JN-4, 1917; in addition to Spad XIII, briefly included Spad VII during period 1918-1919. Apparently included DH-4, 1921-1922. In addition to DH-4, 1922 c. 1928, and NBS-1, 1924-1930, included LB-5 and OA-1 during period 1929-1931; B-3, c. 1931-1937; B-10, 1937-1941; B-18 and B-17, successively during 1941; B-17s, LB-30s, and probably B-24s, 7 Dec 1941- 1942; B-17, 1942-1944. B-29, 1944-1954; B-47, 1954-1961; B-52, 1962-.

Operations: Flying training unit, Nov-Dec 19 17; maintained aircraft and underwent combat training while attached by flights to tactical units of RAP serving on front with British Second and Fifth Armies, 20 Mar-c. 24 Jun 19 18 (C Flight, attached to 25 Squadron, RAF, at Villers-Brettonneux, Beauvais, and Rousseauville, participated in Somme Defensive, 2 1 Mar-6 Apr 1918); combat as pursuit unit with American First Army, 2 Sep-10 Nov 1918. Combat in Southwest Pacific, 1 Dec 1941-c. 16 Nov 1942; ground echelon fought with infantry units in Philippine Islands, c. 24 Dec 1941-May 1942; replacement training, 1 Feb 1943- 1 Apr 1944; combat in Western Pacific, c. 12 Feb-15 Aug 1945. Combat in Korea, 28 Jun 1950-25 Jul 1953. Service Streamers: American Theater.

Campaigns: 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; Korean War: EM 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-Fall, 1953.

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-[c. 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. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 7 Jul 1950-27 Jul 1953.

Emblem: A Mohawk Indian head in profile with scalp lock, single feather and wampum necklace, above the head, a blue diamond.

#### **THE LINEAGE AND HONORS OF THE 28TH BOMB SQUADRON**

The 28th Bomb Squadron has been assigned to the 19th Bombardment Wing since 1941. The history of the squadron dates back to the Lafayette Escadrille of World War I fame. On the 22nd of June, 1917, the 28th was activated as the 28th Aero Squadron in the U.S. Army. During World War I, the 28th 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. Following the war, the squadron was demobilized and not reconstituted until 30 August 1921. From 1921 until 1941, when the 28th was assigned to the 19th Bombardment Group stationed at Clark Army Air Field, the Philippines, the squadron participated in various peacetime operations. The history of the 28th since 1941 is the history of the 19th Bombardment Wing.

#### **DECORATIONS OF THE 28TH BOMB SQUADRON**

*Presidential Unit Citations:*

*Philippine Islands 1 Dec 1941 - 10 May 1942*

*Philippine Islands 8-22 Dec 1941*

*Philippines and Netherlands Indies 1 Jan 1942 - 1 Mar 1942*

*Philippine Islands 6 Jan 1942 - 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 1950 - 15 Sep 1950*

*Philippine Presidential Unit Citation*

*Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation*



On 30 November 2005, a B-1B aircraft, S/N 86-0136, on a training mission from Dyess Air Force Base, released a Bomb Dummy Unit (BDU)-33 training munition on the impact area of the Melrose Bombing Range (MBR), located approximately 24 miles west of Cannon AFB. The munition landed in its intended area but the munition's spotting charge started a fire that became uncontrollable due to existing hazards and inadequate resources to suppress the fire. The resulting wildland fire burned for about 12 hours consuming approximately 26,000 acres of mostly grazing and farm land. During the fire, privately-owned structures, farm equipment, fencing, wells, livestock, animal feed, and crops were destroyed or damaged. The fire resulted in no human fatalities and one civilian firefighter suffered a broken ankle. Over 195 firefighters from 19 civilian fire departments, 3 federal agencies and the Cannon AFB Fire Department were involved in suppressing and extinguishing the fire.

The 27th Fighter Wing is responsible for operations at the MBR. Small range fires are routinely controlled and extinguished by MBR assigned firefighters. Since fires were routinely controlled and extinguished at the range, the risk of an uncontrollable fire was never seriously considered by Operations Support Squadron (OSS) or Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) leadership and there was little motivation to correct known deficiencies.

On 30 November 2005, the risk of an uncontrollable fire was high due to a myriad of factors including: an understaffed MBR fire department, inoperable communication equipment, a large amount of combustible material on the range due to vegetation overgrowth, and high winds. Despite all of the existing hazards, the range did not have procedures to restrict bombing operations and permitted an aircraft to drop practice munitions known to start fires, when the fire condition and risks exceeded the capabilities of the resources available to control a potential fire. The Board President found by clear and convincing evidence that this mishap was caused by the OSS and CES leadership's failure to appreciate the level of fire danger and implement reasonable safety measures to mitigate the risk of an uncontrollable fire at the range in an application of the principles of Operational Risk Management. A number of DoD recognized human factors present in the mishap wing prevented critical safety related information from reaching senior wing leaders, making conditions at the range ripe for an uncontrollable fire.

27 November 1944

During a 3,000-mile out-and-back navigation training mission from Great Bend Army Airfield Great Bend Army Airfield, Kansas, to Batista Army Airfield, Cuba, Boeing B-29-25-BW Superfortress, 42-24447, coded '35', of the 28th Bombardment Squadron (Very Heavy), 19th Bombardment Group (Very Heavy), suffers fire in number 1 (port outer) 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.

430329	B-17F	42-3003	28BS	19BG	Peyote AAB, TX	FLEF/F	Parkinson, Thomas C	Peyote AAB, TX
430728	B-17F	42-3125	28BS	19BG	AAB, Pyote, TX	LACMF	Urban, Emil L	AAB, Pyote, TX
440917	B-17F	42-6144	28BS	19BG	Great Bend AAF, Great Bend, KS	TAC	Parker, Van R	Great Bend AAF, Great Bend, KS
440925	B-29	42-6441	28BS	19BG	Great Bend AAF, Great Bend, KS	LACMF	Hammond, Eugene W	Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, OK
441009	B-17F	42-29566	28BS	19BG	Great Bend AAF, Great Bend, KS	FLEF	Maupin, Floyd M	2 mi NNW of Pfeifer, KS
450514	B-29	44-69681	28BS	19BG			Gammel, Hans P	North Fld/ 2mi E
450514	B-29A	42-94051	28BS	19BG		BO	Dillard, Jesse L Jr	Iwo Jima
451101	B-29	44-61791	28BS	19BG	North Fld/GUM	TAC	Adams, Woodrow W	North Fld
460104	B-29	44-87639	28BS	19BG			Felton, Robert J	Guam/ 10mi N
460216	B-29	44-69667	28BS	19BG		TAC	West, Ray J	North Fld
500208	B-29	44-86328	28BS	19BG	Andersen AFB, GUM	GL	Hutcheson, Jack.	Andersen AFB
500623	B-29	44-84014	28BS	19BG	Anderson AFB, GUA	KDTC	Benschine, Edward A.	140 Mi SSE Anderson AFB
500915	B-29	44-86328	28BS	19BG	Anderson AFB, GUA	KTOAEF	Smith, Charlie R.	Kadena AB
500921	B-29A	44-61751	28BS	19BG	Anderson AFB, GUA	TAC	Netherton, Clyde B.	Kadena AB
511002	B-29	42-65306	28BS	19BG	Kadena AB, OKI	TOA	Thompson, Don B.	Kadena AB
511130	B-29A	44-61535	28BS	19BG	Kadena AB, OKI	EF	Palms, Bernard G.	50 Mi Kadena AB
410523	B-10B	34-74	28BS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	LAC	Chaleck, William D	Rosales, Pangasinan, PHI
410708	B-18	36-435	28BS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	LACGC	Lichter, Carl J.	Clark Field, PHI

410725	B-18	36-443	28BS	4CG	Clark Field, PHI	LAC	Fisch, Ted B.	Nielson Airport, Manila, PHI
410908	B-10B	34-49	28BS	4CG	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LACGL	Conley, David M	Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, PHI
230222	DH-4B	AS-23043	28BS		Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LACNO	Wilson, John H.	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
241006	unknown	unknown	28BS		France Field, CZ	KCR	Smith, Harry M.	France Field, CZ
250823	NBS-1	22-213	28BS		Camp Nichols, Rizal, PHI	FLEF	Kessler, A. A., Jr	Off-shore Caballo Island, Corregidor, PHI
260531	DH-4B	22-1080	28BS		Camp Nichols, Rizal, PHI	LACSF	O'Connor, Cornelius E.	Camp Nichols, Rizal, PHI
260713	NBS-1	22-214	28BS		Camp Nichols, Rizal, PHI	TOAEF	Ramey, Howard K.	Camp Nichols, Rizal, PHI
280823	NBS-1	22-223	28BS		Camp Nichols, Rizal, PHI	FLEFDF	Anderson, Orvil A	1.5 mi SE of Calumpit, Bulacan, PHI
290924	LB-5A	28-16	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	KSFCR	Phillips, Donald	Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI
290924	LB-5A	28-16	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	KBOMF	Wells, Harold R.	Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI
300115	OA-1C	28-82	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	LAC	Nendell, Ezra F.	Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI
300428	OA-1C	28-76	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	TOA	Morris, Edward M.	Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI
310316	P-12B	30-73	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	LACSSP	Greer, Jack	Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI
310919	B-3A	30-283	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	LAC	Black, Edward C	Lacag, Ilocos Norte, Luzon, PHI
311017	B-3A	30-316	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	FLEF	Engler, Howard E.	Del Carmen, PHI
320110	B-3A	30-283	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	KGAC	Black, Edward C	Legaspi, Albay, PHI
320115	B-3A	30-286	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	KFLEF	Zettel, Raymond C.	6 mi NNW of Manila, PHI

320203	P-12B	29-450	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	FLEF	Engler, Howard E.	Manila Bay, near Paranaque Beach
320611	B-3A	30-312	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	TAC	Klingler, George P.	Clark Field, PHI
330710	B-3A	30-313	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	DTCEF	Gibbs, David R.	Naic, Cavite, Luzon, PHI
330907	B-3A	30-283	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	FLEF	Steed, Thomas W.	Near, Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
340208	B-3A	30-315	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	SSPCR	Barr, John E	Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI
340819	B-3A	30-285	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	FLEF	Bryte, Walter G, Jr	Del Monte, Bukidnon, PHI
350103	B-3A	30-284	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	FLEF	Straubel, Austin A.	S of Buluan, Southern Mindano
350705	B-3A	30-311	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	LAC	Flock, Julius T.	Legaspi, Luzon, PHI
350909	B-3A	30-287	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	FLEF	O'Connor, Charles W.	Clark Field, PHI
351204	O-19C	31-334	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	LACGL	Dunlap, Lienell H.	Baguio Muni Airport, Mt Province, PHI
380317	B-10B	34-65	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	FLEFDF	Maschmeyer, Edward W	Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI
380623	B-10B	34-88	28BS		Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LACGL	Bowman, Wendell W	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
380811	ZO-19E	31-529	28BS		Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	TAC	Kirkendall, John P.	Clark Field, PHI
380827	B-3A	30-312	28BS		Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI	TAC	Hastey, Thomas W	Nichols Field, Rizal, PHI
390824	B-10B	34-51	28BS		Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	LAC	Fulwider, Lawrence S.	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI
401009	B-10B	34-110	28BS		Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	KACC	Barnick, Roland J	3 mi E of Clark Field, PHI
410516	B-10B	35-238	28BS		Clark Field, PHI	CBLMF	Randolph, John P	Clark Field, PHI



410826	B-18	36-440	28BS	Clark Field, Pampanga, PHI	CBL	Christian, Thomas J.J.	Aparri, Cacayan, PHI
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