

28th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



LINEAGE

28th Ferrying Squadron constituted, 29 Jun 1942

Activated, 10 Jul 1942

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

328th Ferrying Squadron constituted, 12 May 1944

Activated, 31 May 1944

Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

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

Organized, 1 Oct 1960

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

Redesignated 28th Air Refueling Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

Inactivated, 15 May 1994

Redesignated 28th 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

6th Ferrying Group, 25 Jul 1942-1 Apr 1944

Mediterranean Air Transport Service, 31 May 1944-9 Sep 1945
Strategic Air Command, 19 Apr 1960
28th Bombardment Wing, 1 Oct 1960
28th Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991
43rd 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, 1960-1994

EC-135, 1965-1970

KC-135R

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

Maj Burton K. Voorhees, 10 Jul 1942

Maj Louis B. Bills, unkn

Maj Melvin R. Hanson, unkn-1 Apr 1944

LTC Alvin R. Knudsen, 31 May 1944

Maj Christopher J. Karas, 18 Dec 1944

LTC Alvin R. Knudsen, by Apr 1945

Maj Christopher J. Karas, Jun-9 Sep 1945

LTC James R. Hinton Jr., 1 Oct 1960

LTC Walter M. Coble, by Aug 1961

LTC Carlton E. Justice Jr., Jun 1962

LTC Thomas R. McGalliard, May 1963

LTC 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)

LTC Twiford Schloeman, Mar 1967

LTC William O'Barr, by Sep 1968

LTC Henry B. Miller, by Dec 1968

LTC Lester B. Terrell, 15 May 1970

LTC Edmond F. Murray, 4 Jun 1971

LTC James S. Lott, 16 Apr 1973

LTC Bobby C. Withrow, 17 Jun 1974
LTC John A. Conover, 1 Apr 1975
LTC Byron S. Fitzgerald, 8 Nov 1976
LTC Roy M. Giles Jr., 27 Apr 1978
LTC Charles E. Fox, 18 Apr 1980
LTC Edward F. Grillo Jr., 29 Jul 1981
LTC Danny F. Rich, 16 May 1983
LTC Clifford E. Smith U, 28 Aug 1984
LTC Leslie R. Drake, 22 May 1986
LTC Raymond D. Summers, 15 Dec 1987
LTC Michael Callaghan, 19 Sep 1989
LTC Keith H. Riggs, 29 Aug 1991
LTC 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

None

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

Approved 11 Aug 1961

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

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.

430323	B-25C	42-64630	28 Ferry	6 Ferry	Long Beach, CA	LAC	Mills, Gardner W	Long Beach AAF, CA
430525	B-25D	41-30349	28 Ferry	6 Ferry	Enroute to Hickam AB, Hawaii	KCR	Chapman, Forest R Jr	Into San Pablo Bay, 2 Mi E Hamilton Field, CA
430527	A-24A	42-60857	28 Ferry	6 Ferry	Long Beach, CA	CREF	Hatch, Raleigh M	2 Mi E Middletown, TN
430608	ANSONII	8341	28 Ferry	6 Ferry	Long Beach, CA	FLMF	Owen, Tom	Hammer Field, Fresno, CA
430808	B-17G	42-37725	28 Ferry	6 Ferry	Long Beach, CA	TAC	Hartlieb, John R	Las Vegas AAF, NV
430811	P-38H	42-67068	28 Ferry	6 Ferry	Long Beach, CA	TOADF	Shackelford, John F	Mun Arpt, El Paso, TX
430916	B-24J	42-73012	28 Ferry	6 Ferry	LBAAF, Long Beach, CA	KLAC	Warner, Owen K	Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ

431027	B-17E	41-9217	28FrS	6FrG		LAC	Haney, George R	Tontouta
431208	A-20J	43-9438	28FRS	6FRG		KCR	Holmested, George W A	Colonia Morelos/ 15mi S
440402	C-47A	42-92815	28FRS	6FRG		MIS	Bell, Perry T	
440616	P-51D	44-13853	28FrS	6FrG	Long Beach AAF, long Beach, CA	TAC	Schmidt, Walter E	El Paso Muni Airport, El Paso, TX
440618	P-51D	44-13871	28FrS	6FrG	Long Beach, AAF, Long Beach, CA	TAC	Schmelling, Earl C	Long Beach AAF, Long Beach, CA
440707	B-17G	44-8192	28FrS	6FrG	Long Beach AAF, Long Beach, CA	TACMF	Rupar, Frank V	Long Beach AAF, Long Beach, CA
440711	YPQ-14A	43-44325	28FrS	6FrG	Long Beach AAF, Long Beach, CA	LACMF	Carrol, J. B.	Blythe AAF, Blythe, CA
431106	AT-20	43-8194	28FrSq	6FrGp	Long Beach, CA	FLEF	Huges, Merlin L	Newhall, CA
431116	PQ-8A	42-97016	28FrSq	6FrGp	Long Beach, CA	TAC	Ewing, Fred B	Airport, Hachita, NM
431120	OA-10	43-43844	28FrSq	6FrGp	Long Beach, CA	TOAEF	Doss, Stephen B	North Island NAS, San Diego, CA
431129	B-17G	42-97461	28FrSq	6FrGp	Long Beach, CA	LACMF	Hafner, Robert G	Cheyenne, Wy
431226	P-40N	43-23283	28FrSq	6FrGp	Long Beach, CA	LACGL	Shorsher, Fred A	Aux Fld #1, 10 mi N, Douglas AAF, AZ
420808	B-26B	41-17594	28FrSq	6FrGp	Long Beach AAF, CA	KCRGC	Holland, Robert B	San Pablo Bay, 5 mi SE, Hamilton Fld, CA
421112	C-36A	42-57215	28FrSq	6FrGp	Long Beach, CA	TAC	Cleary, William J	Will Rogers Field, OK
421216	B-24D	41-23953	28FrSq	6FrGp	Long Beach, CA	KSFCR	Davidson, Percival R.	Cottage Grove, MN

440307	P-51B	42-106718	28FySq	6FyGp	Long Beach, CA	TAC	Fullerton, John V	Newark, NJ
440317	P-38J	43-28546	28FySq	6FyGp	Long Beach, CA	LAC	Henderson, George E	Midland Mun Arpt, TX
440321	P-51B	42-106922	28FySq	6FyGp	Long Beach, CA	LACMF	Clark, Richard G	Allegheny Co Arpt, PA
440323	P-38J	43-28677	28FySq	6FyGp	Long Beach, CA	CBLEF	Baldwin, Harold A	Winslow, AZ

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440720	P-47D	42-26950	328FRS			LACoG	Nelson, Robert H Jr	Bengardine/nr
440721	P-51C10	43-25096	328FRS			TAC	Curtis, Richard K	Djedeida North

440722	P-51C	43-25099	328FRS			KEF	Partee, Lloyd W	Lake Soukra/3mi N El Aou
440726	P-51C	43-25131	328FRS			LAC	Forester, Charles F	El Aouina AAB
440801	P-51C6	42- 103442	328FRS			LAC	Gittleman, Phillip B	El Aouina AAB
440804	P-40F	41-14513	328FRS			CRTEF	Savage, Mark A	Pomigliano
440806	P-47D	42-27252	328FRS			CBL	Reavis, Robert N	El Aouina AAB
440816	P-47D	42-28560	328FRS			BOEF	Heft, Lee V	Djedeida/ 10mi SW
440817	P-51C10	43-25112	328FRS			TAC	Cort, William A	El Aouina AAB
440817	P-40L	42-10571	328FRS			TAC	[parked aircraft]	El Aouina AAB
440824	P-51B10	42- 106553	328FRS			CRL	Sackey, Gene H	El Aouina AAB
440911	C-53	42-15893	328FRS			TOA	Hartwick, Lester R	El Aouina AAB
440916	F-5E	44-24085	328FRS			LAC	Davis, John W	Foggia Main
441004	P-51C10	44-10950	328FRS			GAC	[parked aircraft]	El Aouina AAB
441020	P- 51D5NT	44-11240	328FRS			LAC	Miller, Lloyd E	Lesina
441101	C-47	41-7771	328FrS	MATS		GAC	Murray, Richard H	Sal Sola AD

441118	P-47D	44-20582	328FRS			CBL	Anderson, James C	El Aouina AAB
441118	P-47D	44-20570	328FRS			KLAC	Wilson, Walter F Jr	El Aouina AAB
450120	P-47D	44-20803	328FRS			FLoG	Prouty, Robert V	M'Sila

450309	P-38L	44-26039	328FRS			KCR	Brinkley, Howard F	Gazes AB, Casablanca
450331	P-61B	42-39531	328FRS			CBL	Wallace, John W	Pomigliano

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440721	P-51C10	43-25096	328FRS			TAC	Curtis, Richard K	Djedeida North
440722	P-51C	43-25099	328FRS			KEF	Partee, Lloyd W	Lake Soukra/3mi N El Aou
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450309	P-38L	44-26039	328FRS			KCR	Brinkley, Howard F	Gazes AB, Casablanca
450331	P-61B	42-39531	328FRS			CBL	Wallace, John W	Pomigliano



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