



FACT SHEET

U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet 28th Bomb Wing

Nestled in the majestic Black Hills, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, is located 10 miles east of Rapid City and just outside of Box Elder. The base – home to the 28th Bomb Wing – is one of only two B-1B bases in the world. The 28th BW is aligned with Eighth Air Force under Air Force Global Strike Command.

The 28th Bomb Wing guarantees combat airpower for America. Every Airman in the wing, whether sustaining people, maintaining weapons and equipment, generating aircraft, pulling a trigger, or operating a network, provides combat power for our nation. The 28th BW is home to 3,800 Airmen and DoD civilians and operates 27 B-1B Lancers.



In 2012, the base also began flying MQ-9 Reaper missions from ground control stations on Ellsworth when the 432nd Attack Squadron was stood up under the 28th Operations Group. Effective Oct. 1, 2015, the 432nd ATKS became a tenant unit at Ellsworth, aligned under the 432nd Wing, Creech AFB, Nevada.

MISSION

Guarantee our Nation's Combat Airpower – Anytime, Anywhere.

VISION

World class Airmen leading the finest bomb wing in the world's greatest Air Force – feared by our enemies and emulated by our allies.

World class Airmen who set the standard for sustaining our people, generating our aircraft, maintaining our equipment, defending our base, and operating our network – with an unwavering focus on expeditionary combat power.

EMBLEM

Blue and yellow are the official Air Force colors of the 28th BW emblem. 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 emblem reflects the 28th BW's predecessor World War II unit, the 28th Bombardment Group. The nebular partition line symbolizes clouds and denotes the wing's area of operation within the Air Force global reach mission.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Win the Fight
- Maintain night one, sustainable strike capability in current and emerging environments
- Demonstrate airpower with a deployed and garrison presence
- Provide combat ready Airmen
- Generate ready and lethal B-1 aircraft while sustaining fleet health
- Strengthen combat capability by enhancing partnerships and enabling forces

Strengthen the Team:

- Forge resiliency of 28th Bomb Wing Airmen and their families
- Groom Airmen personally and professionally through training, experience and mentorship
- Ensure a safe and secure environment for 28th BW Airmen and their families
- Establish, maintain and cultivate relationships with community partners to create and utilize opportunities for Ellsworth and the local community
- Create a world-class base and culture to provide Airmen the facilities, resources and skills needed to excel

Prepare for the Future:

- Develop and seek training and enhancement opportunities to ensure 28th BW assets and Airmen are ready to exploit technological advances and lead the Combat Air Forces in emerging Missions
- Plan, explore, and employ new and emerging technologies to improve capability, increase reliability, and magnify combat power across the full spectrum of mission capabilities
- Enhance future combat capability of the B-1

PERSONNEL

Ellsworth includes approximately 3,063 military members and 733 civilian employees and their family members. The base's two sister cities are Box Elder (population of nearly 8,000) and Rapid City (population of almost 70,000). There are also about 3,800 military retirees in western South Dakota.

ORGANIZATION

The 28th Bomb Wing is comprised of several wing staff agencies and four groups, including the 28th Operations Group, the 28th Maintenance Group, the 28th Mission Support Group and the 28th Medical Group.

28th Operations Group

The mission of the 28th Operations Group, whose motto is to Find and Kill the Enemy, is to provide combat-ready B-1B aircrews for world-wide taskings, including conventional operations and power projection. The 28th OG consists of two B-1 combat squadrons, the 34th Bomb Squadron and 37th Bomb Squadron, and the 28th Operations Support Squadron.

28th Maintenance Group

The Airmen of the 28th Maintenance Group are responsible for providing maintenance and sustainment on the 28 B-1B aircraft at the base as well as associated support equipment. It is comprised of the 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 28th Munitions Squadron, and the 28th Maintenance Squadron.

28th Mission Support Group

The 28th Mission Support Group provides mission essential "city" services on the base and combat support services to Airmen in garrison and deployed. The group provides essential services for active-duty members, retirees and civilians and their families including food services, security, vehicles, supplies, computer and telephone support, civil engineering, educational and recreational services, and personnel support. Six squadrons are under the 28th MSG umbrella: the 28th Communications Squadron, 28th Civil Engineer Squadron, 28th Contracting Squadron, 28th Force Support Squadron, 28th Security Forces Squadron and the 28th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

28th Medical Group

Within the 28th Medical Group, the 28th Medical Operations Squadron and the 28th Medical Support Squadrons provide nearly 16,000 eligible military beneficiaries in the region with a full spectrum of medical services.

TENANT UNITS

- 82nd Civil Support Team, South Dakota National Guard
- 432nd Attack Squadron, assigned to the 432nd Wing, Creech AFB, Nevada
- Air Force Financial Services Center
- Defense Reutilization & Marketing Office

- Defense Security Service
- Detachment 226, Air Force Office of Investigations
- Detachment 8, 372nd Training Squadron
- Northwest Area Audit Office

COMBAT POWER CAPABILITIES

B-1B Lancer

Two bomb squadrons, 27 B-1 bombers assigned.

Speed: Supersonic

Crew: 4

Range: Intercontinental

Speed: 900+ mph

Payload: 84 500-pound Mk-82 or 24 2,000-pound Mk-84 general purpose bombs; up to 84 500-lb. Mk-62 or 8 2,000-lb. Mk-65 Quick Strike naval mines; 30 cluster munitions or 30 Wind-Corrected Munitions Dispensers; up to 24 2,000-lb. GBU-31 or 15 500-lb. GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munitions; up to 24 AGM-158A Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missiles; GBU-54 Laser JDAM

MQ-9 Reaper

The 432nd ATKs, a tenant unit at Ellsworth AFB, operates MQ-9s from Ground Control Stations on base.

Speed: 230 mph

Crew: 3 (Pilot/Sensor Operator/Mission Intel Coordinator)

Endurance: 16-20 hours

Payload: 4 AGM-114P4/R2 Hellfire missiles and 2 GBU-12 500-pound laser guided bombs.

Ellsworth Airmen play a critical part in our nation's defense. B-1s from Ellsworth continually provide critical deterrent presence, precision strike, and surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities in response to worldwide contingencies. The addition of ground control stations for MQ-9 Reaper aircraft reinforces Ellsworth's ability to adapt to emerging challenges. While the facilities and mission of the base have changed over time to meet the nation's needs, the dedication and commitment to excellence by our Airmen and their families remains as strong as it ever has been.

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