

28th BOMB WING – ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D.

Located near the Black Hills, Ellsworth AFB is located 10 miles east of Rapid City and adjacent to the City of Box Elder. The base – home to the 28th Bomb Wing – is one of only two B-1 Main Operating Bases in the world. The 28 BW is aligned with 8th Air Force under Air Force Global Strike Command.



In June 2021, Ellsworth AFB was designated B-21 Raider Main Operating Base #1 by Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision. The base was selected because it provides sufficient space and the existing facilities necessary to accommodate B-21 and B-1 missions simultaneously at the lowest cost and with the least operational impact. Additionally,

the base can accommodate initial B-21 aircraft and formal training unit operations without interruption of current B-1 operations. The first of 30 B-21 bed down construction projects began in 2022; projects will total over one billion dollars.

Ellsworth Airmen continue to play a critical part in our nation's defense. B-1s from Ellsworth continually provide critical air 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.

MISSION

Win today, dominate tomorrow!

VISION

World class Airmen building on our Raider legacy, leading the premier Bomb Wing in cutting-edge long-range strike!

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.

Lines of Effort

Leading People

- Emphasize chain of command
- Build a culture of family, steeped in trust, inclusion, dignity and respect
- Develop Airmen personally and professionally
- Advocate resiliency and self-care

Improving the Unit

- Strategically-align unit inspection plans
- Foster collaborative, innovative teams
- Promote agile processes
- Advance quality of life and service

Managing Resources

- Provide clear command direction
- Operationally-align unit budgets
- Define proper risk management and acceptance
- Ensure safe and sustainable facilities

Execute the Mission

- Demonstrate readiness 24/7...night one!
- Progress deployment ready multi-capable Airmen
- Train to disciplined, lethal execution
- Guarantee robust, resilient and secure infrastructure

PERSONNEL

Ellsworth includes approximately 3,300 military members and 1000 civilian employees, along with their family members. The base's two sister cities are Box Elder (population of nearly 12,000) and Rapid City (population of almost 80,000). There are also about 54,000 veterans in the state of South Dakota.

ORGANIZATION

The 28th Bomb Wing is comprised of the Wing Staff Agencies and four groups: 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 fixing and providing maintenance on the 27 B-1B aircraft at the base as well as associated support equipment. It is comprised of the 28th Munitions Squadron, 28th Maintenance Squadron, 34th Bomber Generation Squadron, and 37th Bomber Generation Squadron.

28th Mission Support Group

The 28th Mission Support Group provides mission essential "city" services at home and combat support services to Airmen while 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 Operational Medical Readiness Squadron and the 28th Health Care Operations Squadron 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
- 89th Attack Squadron
- Air Force Financial Services Center
- Defense Reutilization & Marketing Office
- Defense Security Service
- Detachment 816, Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- Detachment 8, 372nd Training Squadron
- Northwest Area Audit Office, AF Audit Agency

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