



# FACT SHEET

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

### **Overview**

The 28th Bomb Wing, activated July 28, 1947, is an Air Force wing located at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, and is one of two bases responsible for the operation and maintenance of the B-1B Lancer. The wing is aligned under Air Force Global Strike Command.

The 28th Bomb wing is home to 3,700 Airmen and operates 27 B-1B Lancers.

The base also hosts the 89th Attack Squadron, assigned to the 432nd Wing, which operates the MQ-9 Reaper.

### **Mission**

Provide airpower – anytime, anywhere!

### **Organization**

28th Bomb Wing Airmen are assigned to four groups. These include:

- 28th Operations Group**
- 28th Maintenance Group**
- 28th Mission Support Group**
- 28th Medical Group**

### **Tenant Units**

- 82nd Civil Support Team, South Dakota National Guard
- 89th Attack Squadron, assigned to the 432nd Wing, Creech AFB, Nevada
- Air Force Financial Services Center
- Detachment 8, 327nd Training Squadron, assigned to the 82nd Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas
- Detachment 816, Air Force Office of Special Investigations

## History

March 21, 1946 – Rapid City Army Air Base redesignated under Strategic Air Command  
July 28, 1947 – Established as 28th Bombardment Wing at Rapid City Army Air Field  
Dec. 1, 1960 – 850th Strategic Missile Wing established to system Titan I missiles  
1962 – 66th, 67th, and 68th Strategic Missile Squadrons to support Minuteman I system  
Jan. 1 1987 – B-1B Lancers arrive at Ellsworth AFB  
Jan. 1, 1987 – 37th Bomb Squadron activated at 28th Bombardment Wing  
Dec. 20, 1989 – 28th Bombardment Wing provide tanker support for Operation Just Cause  
July 31, 1990 – Realigned under Strategic Warfare Center  
Sept. 1, 1991 – Redesignated as 28th Wing  
June 1, 1992 – Realigned under Air Combat Command  
June 1, 1992 – Redesignated as 28th Bomb Wing  
April 1, 1997 – 77th Bomb Squadron activated at 28th Bomb Wing  
April 1, 1999 – 77th Bomb Squadron B-1B Lancers participate in Operation Allied Force  
Sept. 19, 2001 – 34th Bomb Squadron assigned to 28th Bomb Wing  
March 27, 2011 – 34th Bomb Squadron deployed in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn  
Oct. 1, 2015 – Realigned under Air Force Global Strike Command  
Oct. 1, 2015 – Reassigned to Eighth Air Force  
July 2016 – 34th Bomb Squadron deployed in support of Continuous Bomber Presence  
July 2017 – January 2018 – 37th Bomb Squadron deployed in support of CBP  
March 2018 – 34th Bomb Squadron deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve

## Wing Emblem

Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. 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 Wing's predecessor World War II unit, the 28th Bombardment Wing. The nebula partition line symbolizes clouds and denotes the Wing's area of operation within the Air Force global reach mission.

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