



# FACT SHEET

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

Nestled in the Black Hills, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, is located 10 miles east of Rapid City, just outside of Box Elder. The base – home to the 28th Bomb Wing – is one of only two B-1B Lancer bases in the world, and the future home of the B-21 Raider. 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 more than 7,500 active duty and civilian personnel and operates over 20 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. It was re-designated the 89th Attack Squadron on June 21, 2016.

### **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!

### **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

## **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

## **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. (Current as of 2022)

## **ORGANIZATION**

The 28th Bomb Wing is comprised of several 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-1B Lancer 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 of the Lancer, 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 both 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 Healthcare Operations Squadron and the 28th Operational Medical Readiness Squadrons provide nearly 17,000 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, 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 aka "Bone"**

Two bomb squadrons, more than 20 B-1B Lancers 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 89th 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. Lancers from Ellsworth continually provide critical deterrence, precision strike, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities supporting U.S. force, allies and partners worldwide. 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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