

327th AIRCRAFT SUSTAINMENT WING



MISSION

The 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, System Program Managers, organize, direct and control total life-cycle for management of the B-52, KC-135, B-1 and contractor logistics (including tanker, trainer, telemetry, airlift, command & control and US Presidential aircraft) aircraft. The 327 ASW is also responsible for all modifications & sustainment, including management and engineering of systems upgrades, acquisition of new systems, fleet support logistics, software maintenance, and programmed depot maintenance and supporting USAF, Reserve & Guard, sister service and numerous Foreign Military Sales forces. In addition, the 327th ASW System Support Managers, direct and oversee the total system management and readiness of the B-2 and E-3. The 327th ASW also manages and directs 1,400 Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems, and the worldwide High Frequency Global Communications Network.

The 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing consists of four groups, several squadrons and support organizations. The groups are the 327th Aircraft Sustainment Group, 727th Aircraft Sustainment Group, 747th Aircraft Sustainment Group and the 827th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

LINEAGE

327th Fighter Group constituted, 24 Jun 1942

Activated, 25 Aug 1942

Disbanded, 10 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 327th Fighter Group (Air Defense), 20 Jun 1955

Activated, 18 Aug 1955

Discontinued, 25 June 1966

Redesignated 327th Tactical Fighter Group, 1985

Inactivated, 1 Jul 2010

STATIONS

Mitchel Field, NY, 25 Aug 1942
Philadelphia Mun Aprt, PA, 27 Aug 1942
Richmond AAB, VA, 22 Sept 1942-10 Apr 1944
Truax Field, WI, 18 Aug 1955
Tinker AFB, OK

ASSIGNMENTS

First AF
Air Defense Command
4706th Air Defense Wing
37th Air Division, 8 Jul 1956
30th Air Division, 1 Apr 1959
Chicago Air Defense Sector, 1 Jun 1959
20th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-40
P-47
F-86
F-102

COMMANDERS

Col Nelson P. Jackson, unkn
LTC Frederick J. Nelander, unkn
Col Oris B. Johnson, 1955
Col John S. Stewart
Col Paul C. Waugh, 22 Dec 2006
Col Mark T. Beierle, 29 Jul 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
2005

EMBLEM

Azure, above two lightning flashes in saltire Or, six eagle feathers hanging three each from the lower points of the lightning flashes Argent and Gules detailed Silver Gray, the head of Medusa of the third, eyed of the fifth, lips of the fourth, serpents of the like, of the second and of the fifth, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "327TH AIRCRAFT SUSTAINMENT WING" in Blue letters.

SIGNIFICANCE: Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 Medusa head reflects the Wing's earliest predecessor from 1943, the 327th Fighter Group. Medusa was a female character from Greek mythology whose gaze could turn people into stone and whose hair was made of live venomous snakes. The lightning flashes represent quick reaction capability. The feathers symbolize the Wing's tie to the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center.

Or, the head of the mythical Gorgon Medusa affronte azure, armed gules. (Approved, 27 Feb 1943. This insigne was replaced 16 May 1958)

MOTTO

NE DEFICIT ANIMUS—Courage Does Not Fail Me

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Became part of the air defense force and also served as an operational training unit, using P-40 until Feb 1943 when they were replaced by P-47. In 1944 began training replacement pilots for combat duty.

July 1 2010, the 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing became the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Aerospace Sustainment Directorate, but while its name changed, its mission stays the same. The result of an Air Force-wide structure realignment decided on in 2009, officials said outside of being named a directorate, there will be little impact and the unit's mission is not affected. "In the transitioning from a wing to a directorate, our mission focus remains the same – provide extraordinary support worldwide to keep 'em flying, modernize and sustain today, and plan for tomorrow," said Col. Mark Beierle, director of the OC-ALC/GK. Manning and contact information will remain the same but it will be mid-August before the organizational modification changing the structure from wing, group, and squadrons to directorate, divisions and branches will be reflected on websites, the Global Address List and signage. In the meantime, various units within the former 327th ASW are hosting inactivation ceremonies to reflect the change, and their coins and flags are being sent to the history office to preserve the heritage of the 327th in the event it should be utilized in the future. The official 327th ASW inactivation ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. today in the base theater.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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