

## 328<sup>th</sup> ARMAMENT SYSTEMS WING



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

328<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group established, 24 Jun 1942

Activated, 10 Jul 1942

Disestablished 31 Mar 1944

Reestablished and redesignated 328<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group (Air Defense), 20 Jun 1955

Activated 18 Aug 1955

Discontinued and inactivated, on 1 Feb 1961

328 Fighter Wing (Air Defense) established and activated, 28 Dec 1960

Organized, 1 Feb 1961

Discontinued and inactivated, 18 Jul 1968

328<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group (Air Defense) consolidated with 328 Fighter Wing (Air Defense), 31 Jan 1984

Redesignated 328<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 31 Jul 1985

Air to Air Missile Systems Wing established, 23 Nov 2004

Activated, 27 Jan 2005

328<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing consolidated with Air to Air Missile Systems Wing, 3 May 2006

Consolidated organization redesignated 328<sup>th</sup> Armament Systems Wing, 15 May 2006

## **STATIONS**

Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Jul 1942-31 Mar 1944

Grandview (later, Richards-Gebaur) AFB, MO, 18 Aug 1955-18 Jul 1968

Eglin AFB, FL, 27 Jan 2005

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

IV Fighter Command, 10 Jul 1942

San Francisco Air Defense (later, San Francisco Fighter) Wing, 12 Apr 1943

IV Fighter Command, 1-31 Mar 1944

33 Air Division (Defense), 18 Aug 1955

20 Air Division (Defense), 1 Mar 1956

Kansas City Air Defense Sector, 1 Jan 1960

Sioux City Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1961

30 Air Division, 1 Apr 1966-18 Jul 1968

Air Armament Center, 27 Jan 2005

## **ATTACHMENTS**

San Francisco Air Defense Wing, c. 28 Oct 1942-11 Apr 1943

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P-39, 1942-1944

F-86, 1955-1957

F-102, 1957-1966

F-106, 1967-1968

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Frederick C. Grambo, 10 Jul 1942

Lt Col Harry N. Renshaw, 11 Jan 1943

Lt Col Milton B. Adams, 7 Jul 1943

Lt Col Kyle L. Riddle, 13 Nov 1943

Col J. C. Crosthwaite, 4 Jan 1944

Col John W. Weltman, 31 Jan-31 Mar 1944

Col Richard F. Weltzin, 1955

Col John H. Bell, Jun 1957

Col Gordon F. Thomas, (by Dec) 1958

Col Jones E. Bolt by Sep 1959

Col John W. Jacobs Jr., 27 May 1961

Col Kenneth E. Rosebush, 25 Aug 1961

Col Joseph H. Belser, by Jun 1963

Col Donald H. Lynch, 19 Jul 1963

Col James T. Jarman, 15 Jul 1965

Col Ray A. Robinson Jr., 1 Jul 1966

Col William F. Shaeffer, 19 Jul 1967-18 Jul 1968

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

WWII

American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

328<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group emblem: Azure, a natural panther rampant affronte or, incensed proper. (Approved, 23 Feb 1943)

328th Armament Systems Wing emblem: Azure, a terrestrial globe issuing from base Sable, land masses Argent, a panther springing to dexter base Proper, dexter forepaw breaking a delta ascending bendwise sinister with a contrail emitting at base and arcing to dexter chief Gules, sinister forepaw scratching globe leaving four marks of the third, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "328TH ARMAMENT SYSTEMS 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 fierceness and protective nature of the panther, rising above a globe, represent the unit's future vision of providing air weapon systems that are a dominant force for sensing and destroying threats to the United States and its allies with minimum collateral damage and loss of life. The scratch marks represent the harm inflicted on the dark forces by the development, fielding and sustainment aspects of the unit. The panther comes from the panther symbolized on the World War II 328th Fighter Group emblem (which lends its lineage to the 328th Armament Systems Wing). The contrail and broken delta symbolize the defeated active enemy threat in air dominance. (Approved, 24 Nov 1958)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Served as part of the west coast air defense force, 1942-1944. Also trained replacement pilots.

Provided active air defense of a portion of the central United States, 1955-1968.

Maintained an air defense detachment at Homestead AFB, FL, 19 Dec 1962-15 Feb 1963, and at NAS Key West, FL, 1 Aug 1965-1 Jul 1966.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.

Unit yearbook. *20<sup>th</sup> Air Division (Defense)*. 1957.