

## 628 AIR BASE WING



### MISSION

Provides unsurpassed installation support to 53 DoD and Federal agencies, servicing a total force of over 79,000 Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, civilians, dependents and retirees on Joint Base Charleston and Naval Weapons Station Charleston. Maintains \$2.0B of physical infrastructure across 23K non-contiguous acres. Provides mission-ready expeditionary Airmen to combatant commanders in support of joint and combined operations.

The 628th Air Base Wing provides support for Joint Base Charleston's joint-use airfield, sharing two intersecting runways with Charleston International Airport. The primary runway is 9,001 feet long and the intersecting runway is 7,000 feet long. The base maintains the two runways and most of the taxiways, and security and crash rescue response for all flights.

The 628th Air Base Wing is comprised of two groups: 628<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group and 628<sup>th</sup> Medical Group.

### LINEAGE

628 Air Base Wing established, 30 Oct 2009

Activated, 8 Jan 2010

### STATIONS

Charleston AFB, SC, 8 Jan 2010

### ASSIGNMENTS

Eighteenth Air Force (Air Forces, Transportation), 8 Jan 2010

USAF Expeditionary Center, 7 Jan 2011

### COMMANDERS

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 2010-30 Sep 2012

## **EMBLEM**

Per bend Azure and Gules, between a pair of wings erect Silver Grey, a fouled anchor Or, rope Brun, charged with a mullet Argent, bearing a torteau, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "628TH AIR BASE 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 bottom background denotes the strength and power of the Air Force. The pair of wings is symbolic of the Wing's mission of supporting Joint Base Charleston and all the units assigned there. The anchor represents the continual effort to provide outstanding support to the units of Joint Base Charleston through its grounding in the USAF's core values. The Hap Arnold star represents both the significance of Air Force heritage and the Wing's unique place in that heritage as one of the few wings activated specifically to support a joint base. (Approved, 30 Sep 2010)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Air Mobility Command officials activated the 628th Air Base Wing at Charleston AFB, S.C., during a Jan. 8 ceremony. The new wing will be the host unit for JB Charleston that stands up at the end of the month. The joint installation will combine Charleston Air Force Base and the nearby Naval Weapons Station Charleston under one infrastructure roof as mandated by BRAC 2005. The 628th ABW replaces AMC's 437th Airlift Wing in the host role at Charleston. The 437th AW will continue its airlift mission, but its groups that performed base support functions are now part of the 628th ABW. JB Charleston is one of 12 joint bases being established across the nation per BRAC 2005. Just last week, the 633rd ABW was activated at Langley AFB, Va.; it will oversee support activities for JB Langley. 2010

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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