

28th INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON

LINEAGE

28th Photographic Laboratory, Bomb Gp, VH
Redesignated 28th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron
Redesignated 28th Intelligence Squadron

STATIONS

Rapid City AFB, SD (later Ellsworth AFB, SD), 1 May 1950-15 Apr 1955
Dalhart AAF, TX, 1 Jun 1944-22 Aug 1944
Harvard AAF, NE, 22 Aug 1944-10 Mar 1945
Fort Lawton, WA, 10-17 Mar 1945
Hickam AAF, Territory of Hawaii, 25-30 Mar 1945
Northwest Field, Guam, 14 Apr 1945-10 Jun 1946
Rapid City AFB, SD, 1 May 1950-15 Apr 1955
Hurlburt Field, FL. 17 Apr 2014

ASSIGNMENTS

501st Bombardment Group 25 May 1944 - 8 Oct 1948
XXI Bomber Command, 14 April 1945 - 16 Jul 1945
315th Bombardment Wing, 19 June 1945 - 22 Feb 1946
Twentieth Air Force, 15 May - 22 Feb 1946
United States Strategic Air Forces in the Pacific, 16 Jul 1945 - 6 Dec 1945
Pacific Air Command, United States Army, 6 Dec 1945 - 22 Feb 1946
28th Bombardment Group (1 May 1950 - 15 Apr 1955)
28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 1 May 1950 - 15 Apr 1955
Eighth Air Force 1 May 1950 - 15 Apr 1955
Strategic Air Command 1 May 1950 - 15 Apr 1955
655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, 17 Apr 2014

ATTACHMENTS

17th Bombardment Operational Training Wing (Very Heavy), 23 Aug 1944 – 7 Mar 1945

MISSION EQUIPMENT

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Streamer (Air Offensive, Japan)

Streamer APC

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation Japan 6 – 13 July 1945

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OPERATIONS

The United States Air Force Reserve's 28th Intelligence Squadron (28th IS) is an intelligence unit located at Hurlburt Field, Fla.. The 28th Intelligence Squadron is a classic associate unit supporting the 25th Intelligence Squadron conducting airborne ISR to provide threat warning and precision geo-location to AFSOC and Joint Special Operations Command.

The 28th Photographic Laboratory Squadron was deployed to Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO) in April 1945, assigned to the 501st Bombardment Group, Very Heavy, XXI Bomber Command, 315th Bombardment Wing, in the Northern Mariana Islands; being stationed at Northwest Field, Guam. Received a Distinguished Unit Citation for attacks on the Maruzen oil refinery at Shimotsu, the Utsubo oil refinery at Yokkaichi, and the petroleum center at Kawasaki.

The 28th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron was established on 3 Mar 1950, assigned to the 28th Bombardment Group under the 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. The 28th RTS took part in the Atmospheric Nuclear Weapons tests Operation Tumbler–Snapper from 1 Apr 1952 to 5 Jun 1952 by providing aerial and ground technical and training photography to the Defense Nuclear Agency.

U.S. Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Joe Marcinek will assume command of the 28th Intelligence Squadron during an activation and assumption of command ceremony at the Hurlburt Field Soundside Club on Sep 24, 2014.

The 28th Intelligence Squadron mission is to organize, train and deliver specialized intelligence directly to United States Special Operations Forces. The specialized mission set includes Tactical

Systems Operator (TSO) crew members, analysts for National Tactical Integration (NTI) support and maintenance support operations.

The 28th Intelligence Squadron is part of the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and is the only squadron within the Group that provides direct ISR support to Special Operations Forces. The squadron traces its origin to the 28th Photographic Laboratory Squadron, activated on 1 August 1944 at Dalhart Army Air Field, Texas as part of the 501st Bombardment Group, and the 28th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron, activated on 1 May 1950 at Rapid City (later, Ellsworth) AFB, South Dakota, as part of the 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. The 28th Photographic Laboratory Squadron remained active through the remainder of WWII, participating in the Japan Air Offensive and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation before being inactivated on 22 February 1946 and later disbanded on 8 October 1948. The 28th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron participated in the Atmospheric Nuclear testing programs of the Defense Nuclear Agency at the height of the Cold War before being inactivated on 15 April 1955. The 28th Intelligence Squadron, under the command of Lt Colonel Joseph Marcinek, will carry on the legacy and rich history of its predecessors

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. -- The Air Force Special Operations Command's Reserve intelligence squadron recently reached its initial operational capability here. The 28th Intelligence Squadron declared IOC approximately two months ahead of schedule, according to Maj. Elisabeth Applegate, the squadron's assistant director of operations. "The hard work of the Airmen of this squadron led to reaching our IOC goal well before our established deadline," said Lt. Col. Joseph Marcinek, the 28th IS commander. "I'm proud of the job they've done so far and will continue to do in this critical mission." The squadron grew exponentially in its first year, increasing its manning from zero to 120 percent of authorized officers and 83 percent of enlisted for an 89 percent total in manning. During this time, Marcinek and his Airmen focused on recruitment, building processes and programs, training, readiness and integration with the squadron's active duty associate unit, the 25th Intelligence Squadron. Through this growth and transition, the 28th IS relied heavily on support from their local supporting Reserve wing, the 919th Special Operations Wing, according to Applegate. The 919th SOW's force support squadron supplies the fellow Reserve squadron with support on all personnel issues. With IOC reached, the squadron currently works toward full operational capability. During the next year, the 28th IS will focus on the operational functions necessary to be a fully mission capable unit. The squadron's mission is to deliver specialized analysis directly to Air Force Special Operations forces. Ground analysts in the squadron execute national tactical integration missions, including the associated collection, analysis, and dissemination for mission planning and execution downrange and reach-back. The 28th IS also hosts the only aircraft maintenance flight within its group, the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The aircraft maintenance flight consists of a highly technical team responsible for C-130, U-28, and CV-22 equipment installations. Those Airmen ensure sensitive electronic equipment is properly maintained, configured, and loaded for mission success. The squadron also provides deployment support and relief to the high operation tempo of the 25th IS. "Declaring FOC will have a positive impact to AFSOC and the 361st Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, and provide additional support to the dedicated Airmen supporting this important mission," said Marcinek.

The 28th Intelligence Squadron, an Air Force Special Operations Command Reserve unit at Hurlburt Field, Fla., recently reached initial operational capability, according to an April 30 release. The milestone comes some two months ahead of schedule, said Maj. Elisabeth Applegate, the squadron's assistant director of operations. "I'm proud of the job they've done so far and will continue to do in this critical mission," said Lt. Col. Joseph Marcinek, the 28th IS commander, of his airmen. Within the first year, the squadron increased its manning from zero to 120 percent of authorized officers and 83 percent of enlisted reaching 89 percent of its total manning, states the release. At the same time, the squadron also focused on integrating with its Active Duty associate unit, the 25th Intelligence Squadron. The squadron is tasked with providing specialized analysis to AFSOC forces and is host to the "only aircraft maintenance flight within its group, the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group" at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, states the release. 2015

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