

# **128<sup>th</sup> AIR DEFENSE WING**

## **LINEAGE**

128<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing received Federal Recognition, 1 Nov 1950

128<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Wing, inactivated 9 Apr 1958

## **STATIONS**

Milwaukee, WI

Madison, WI

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Seymour Levenson, 1955

Col Paul Fojtik

BG Oliver S. Ryerson

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

In 1951, during the Korean Conflict, the 128th Fighter Wing was called to active duty and sent to

Truax Field in Madison under Gen (then Col) Collins H. Ferris. Its first responsibility was to create a fully functional active duty base. Once this was accomplished, pilots and enlisted personnel were deployed world- wide as needed. The 128th Fighter Group suffered one casualty in Korea. Captain Jerome Volk was killed in aerial action and Volk Field, the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center located at Camp Douglas, WI, is named in his memory. The 128th Fighter Interceptor Wing was released from active duty on 1 November 1952.

128th Fighter-Interceptor Wing: Federalized by ANG on 10 February 1951 at General Mitchell Field, WI, and assigned to Eastern Air Defense Force; moved to Truax Field, WI, on 16 February 1951; transferred to Central Air Defense Force on 20 May 1951; inactivated 6 February 1952.

In 1957, Summer Camp was again at Volk Field. In spite of poor weather, an Air Defense Exercise was held with 11 of our 17 aircraft searching for SAC aircraft playing the role of invaders. Some of our crews staged out of Kinross AFB, Sault St. Marie, MI. On 9 April 1958 the 128th Air Defense Wing was deactivated and Col Levenson became Deputy Chief of Staff for Gen Ferris. Later that year Wing Headquarters was moved to Madison, WI, and the Milwaukee unit became the 128th Air Defense Group with Lt Col Bailey as Group Commander.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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