

## **FACT SHEET**

## U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet 127<sup>th</sup> Wing Shield

Approved in July 1954, the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing's insignia represents the unit's rich history. With a red background bordered in gold, the wing's motto, "We Stand Ready" anchors the badge.

The three gold fleur-de-leis on the upper right corner stand for the three squadrons which have constituted the wing -- the 107<sup>th</sup>, the 171<sup>st</sup> and the 172<sup>nd</sup> – and their service in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. Today, the 107<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron and the 171<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Squadron remain a part of the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. The 172<sup>nd</sup> is a component of the 110<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing stationed in Battle Creek, Mich.



The green saguaro cactus denotes the efforts of the 107<sup>th</sup> and 171<sup>st</sup>, both of which were fighter squadrons at the time – and their deployment to Luke Air Force Base in Arizona to conduct pilot training during the Korean Conflict. The pink apple blossom signifies the 172<sup>nd</sup> Squadron's active duty service at Selfridge during the same period.

The bendlet, made of 5 equal lines of gold, red and blue (two gold stripes on the outside with two inner red stripes and a single blue stripe in the center) represent the three original squadrons of the wing.

An earlier version of the shield featured the wing motto, "We Stand Ready," in Latin, "Parati Stamus."

## 127<sup>th</sup> Wing Mission

To provide trained, equipped and motivated airlift, fighter, combat weather and support resources serving the community, state and nation.