

# 501<sup>st</sup> AIR DEFENSE GROUP

## MISSION

501<sup>st</sup> Air Defense Group mission was air defense of the Great Lakes area.

## LINEAGE

501<sup>st</sup> Air Service Group constituted, 16 Dec 1944

Activated, 1 Jun 1945

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1948

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 501<sup>st</sup> Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953

Activated, 16 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955

Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

## STATIONS

Bensheim, Germany, 1 Jun 1945

Tulln Air Base, Austria Aug 1945

Wiesbaden Air Base, Germany 1 Jun 1946-1 Jul 1948

O'Hare International Airport, IL, 16 Feb 1953-18 Aug 1955

## ASSIGNMENTS

European Air Transport Service, 1 Jun 1945-Jun 1946

Headquarters Command, United States Air Forces Europe, Jun 1946-1 Jul 1948

4706<sup>th</sup> Defense Wing (later 4706<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Wing), 16 Feb 1953-18 Aug 1955

## WEAPON STATIONS

F-86A, 1953

F-86D, 1953-1955

F-86F, 1953-1955

## COMMANDERS

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Its 919th Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 743rd Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support.

Moved to Wiesbaden Air Base, Germany, where it replaced the 97th Airdrome Squadron as the primary support element for the airfield.

Briefly supported the Berlin Airlift before inactivation in 1948.

Replaced by elements of the 7150th AF Composite Wing in 1948.

Replaced 83rd Air Base Squadron as USAF host organization at O'Hare IAP. Assigned three squadrons to perform its support responsibilities.

Replaced by 56th Fighter Group in 1955.