

521st AIR DEFENSE GROUP

MISSION

521st Air Defense Group mission was air defense of central Midwestern United States.

LINEAGE

521st Air Service Group constituted

Activated, 1 Jan 1945

Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 521st Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953

Activated, 16 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955

Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Ghisonaccia Airfield, Italy 1 Jan 1945

Fano Airfield, Italy, 7 Apr 1945

Naples, Italy, 6 July 1945-17 Jul 1945

Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 26 Jul 1945-30 Jul 1945

Unknown, Jul 1945-7 Nov 1945

Sioux City Municipal Airport, IA, 1 Jan 1953–18 Aug 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations

31st Air Division, 1 Jan 1953–18 Aug 1955

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-51D, 1953

F-86D, 1953–1955

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Its 947th Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 771st Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support. Supported 310th Bombardment Group in Italy.

Redesignated as an air defense group, reconstituted and activated at Sioux City Municipal Airport in 1953 with responsibility for air defense of central Midwestern United States.

Replaced 79th Air Base Squadron as the host USAF unit at Sioux City Municipal Airport. Assigned three squadrons to perform its support responsibilities. Replaced by 53d Fighter Group (Air Defense).