

516th AIR DEFENSE GROUP

MISSION

Responsibility for air defense of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Alcoa Aluminum Facilities and TVA dam infrastructure in the Tennessee Valley.

LINEAGE

516th Air Service Group constituted
Activated, 25 Jan 1945
Inactivated, 26 Sep 1945
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 516th Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953
Activated, 16 Feb 1953
Inactivated, 18 August 1955
Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Spinazzola Airfield, Italy, 26 Jan 1945
Garagnone, Italy, March 1945
Waller Field, Trinidad, Jun 1945
McGhee Tyson Airport, TN, 16 Feb 1953

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations Caribbean Division, Air Transport Command, 1945 - 26 Sep 1945
35th Air Division, 1 Jan 1952–18 Aug 1955

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-47D, 1953
F-47N, 1953
F-86A, 1953-1954
F-86D, 1954-1955

COMMANDERS

LTC Robert L. Wehr, 25 Jan 1945

LTC D. Ross Ellis, Mar 1945

Unknown 16 Feb 1953-18 Aug 1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Its 942nd Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 766th Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support. Supported the 460th Bombardment Group in Italy, then supported flying units redeploying from Europe to the United States until inactivated in the Caribbean.