

# 520<sup>th</sup> AIR DEFENSE GROUP

## MISSION

520<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Group mission was air defense of Great Lakes area.

## LINEAGE

520<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group constituted

Activated, 27 Dec 1944

Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 520<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953

Activated, 16 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955

Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

## STATIONS

Cervioni, Italy, 27 Dec 1944

Rimini, Italy, 15 Apr 1945

Naples, Italy, 15 Jul 1945

Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 18 Jul 1945

Seymour Johnson Field, NC Aug 1945

Columbia Army Air Base, SC, 15 Sep 1945-7 Nov 1945

Truax Field, WI, 16 Feb 1953-18 Aug 1955

## ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations

Third Air Force, Aug 1945

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

## WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-86F 1953

F-86D, 1953-1955

F-89C, 1953-1954

F-94, 1953

### **COMMANDERS**

Col L. E. Brooks 17 Dec 1944-1945

Unknown, 16 Feb 1953-18 Aug 1955

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Its 946th Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 770th Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support. Supported 340th Bombardment Group in Italy.

Redesignated as an air defense group, reconstituted and activated at Truax Field in 1953 with responsibility for air defense of Great Lakes area.

Replaced the 78th Air Base Squadron as the USAF host unit for Truax Field. Assigned three squadrons to perform its support responsibilities. Inactivated and replaced by the 327th Fighter Group (Air Defense).