

521st AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

555th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion (Separate) established, 28 Feb 1942
Activated, 4 Jul 1942
Redesignated 555th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, 11 Mar 1943
Redesignated 501st Tactical Control Group, 31 Dec 1945
Inactivated, 25 Sep 1947
Redesignated 501st Aircraft Control and Warning Group, 18 May 1949
Activated, 10 Jun 1949
Redesignated 501st Tactical Control Group, 16 Mar 1952
Redesignated 501st Tactical Control Wing, 18 Dec 1957
Disestablished and inactivated, 18 Nov 1960
Redesignated 521st Tactical Control Wing, 31 Jul 1985
Redesignated 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, 18 Aug 2008
Activated, 4 Sep 2008

STATIONS

Drew Fld, FL, 4 Jul 1942
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 20 Nov-28 Dec 1943
Popham, England, 7 Jan 1944
Boxted, England, 2 Feb 1944
Ibsley, England, 18 Apr 1944

Plymouth, England, 19 May-6 Jun 1944
Vierville-sur-Mer, France, 7 Jun 1944
Cricqueville, France, 2 Jul 1944
Villedieu, France, 5 Aug 1944
Le Teilleuie, France, 14 Aug 1944
Aillieres, France, 23 Aug 1944
Les Loges-an-Josas, France, 31 Aug 1944
Paris, France, 4 Sep 1944
Ham-sur-Huere, Belgium, 16 Sep 1944
Verviers, Belgium, 26 Sep 1944
Gosselies, Belgium, 18 Dec 1944
Verviers, Belgium, 7 Jan 1945
Bruhl, Germany, 23 Mar 1945
Bad Wildungen, Germany, 11 Apr 1945
Gottingen, Germany, 12 Apr 1945
Nohra, Germany, 26 Apr 1945
Fritzlar, Germany, 25 Jun 1945
Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, 19 Jul 1945
Bad Kissengen, Germany, 3 Feb 1946
Wiesbaden, Germany, 5 Jul-25 Sep 1947
Zwingenberg, Germany, 10 Jun 1949
Landsberg, Germany, 17 Jul 1949
Kaiserslautern, Germany, 23 Sep 1952
Landstuhl (later, Ramstein-Landstuhl, Ramstein) AB, Germany, 17 Nov 1954-18 Nov 1960
Ramstein AB, Germany, 4 Sep 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

III Fighter Command, 4 Jul 1942
Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center, 8 Oct 1942
70th Fighter Wing, Dec 1943
IX Tactical Air Command, 13 Sep 1944
70th Fighter Wing, 22 Feb 1945
XXIX Tactical Air Command, 19 Jul 1945
70th Fighter Wing, 6 Aug 1945
XII Tactical Air Command, 15 Nov 1945
51st Troop Carrier Wing, 25 Jul-25 Sep 1947
United States Air Forces in Europe, 10 Jun 1949
2nd Air Division, 10 Oct 1949
Twelfth Air Force, 1 Aug 1951
United States Air Forces in Europe, 1 Jan 1957
Seventeenth Air Force, 15 Nov 1959-18 Nov 1960
21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, 4 Sep 2008

COMMANDERS

LTC Harry Gibbons, 4 Jul 1942
LTC Roy T. Richards, 21 Jan 1944
LTC Albert J. Gilardi, 13 Jul 1944
LTC William S. Cowart Jr., 5 Jan 1945
Maj J. W. Godfrey, 1 Jun 1945
1Lt John B. Patterson (acting), Oct 1945
Cpt Richard L. Eisenbise, 27 Nov 1945
Cpt Harold G. Swartwood, 2 Jan 1946
LTC John T. Gibney, 24 Mar 1946
Col Ernest S. Moon, 10 Mar 1947-unkn
LTC Fred J. Collins, 10 Jun 1949
Col Lee B. Coats, 10 Nov 1949
Col Robert C. Sexton, 19 Aug 1952
Col Thomas S. Bond Jr., 22 Jan 1955
Col Carl B. Lindstrand, 18 Aug 1957
Col Carl C. Barthel, 27 Jul 1959-18 Nov 1960

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
American Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Normandy
Northern France
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Rhineland

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award
1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2012

EMBLEM

Argent (Silver Gray) and Celeste, rayed of four and five bearing a vertical lightning bolt on the fifth Or, issuant from base a demi-globe Azure gridlined Sable surmounted by a contrail emitting from dexter arcing to sinister and ending in a flight symbol in dexter base all of the first, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "521ST AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS WING" in Blue letters.

SIGNIFICANCE: Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to

the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The contrail, flight symbol and globe symbolize the unit's rapid global mobility. The rays represent the sky and the ground forces that support the flying mission. The lightning bolt refers to the unit's unwavering pursuit of excellence. (Approved, 23 Sep 1953)

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OPERATIONS

Served as an aircraft warning unit in defense of the continental United States, 1942-1943; provided communications support in England, in France following the D-Day invasion, and during the occupation of Germany, 1944-1945. Provided radar coverage and navigational aid to allied aircraft flying over the US Zone of Occupied Europe, 1946-1947. Between 1949-1960, provided tactical control systems, including aircraft control and warning facilities, passive detection devices and guidance units, in central European area.

Air Mobility Command yesterday activated the 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing at Ramstein AB, Germany, to manage the command's booming war-zone transit operation in Europe. The new wing will become the headquarters for the existing 721st Air Mobility Operations Group at Ramstein, and the new 521st AMOG at Rota AB, Spain, the command said in a release. "This new wing will provide an enhanced level of control for our en route structure in Europe, which includes critical locations for getting people, cargo and patients to and from current war zones," said Col. Kimberly Corcoran, who has been appointed to lead the wing. The wing will comprise about 1,800 personnel, with about two-thirds of them residing in the 721st AMOG and its subordinate squadrons, and roughly 500 in the 521st AMOG. In June, AMC established a similar wing at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, for the Pacific theater. 4 Sep 08