

# 503<sup>rd</sup> COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP

## MISSION

Mission was to train and maintain interceptor squadrons in state of readiness in order to defend Northwest United States.

## LINEAGE

503<sup>rd</sup> Air Service Group constituted, 16 Dec 1944

Activated, June 1945

Inactivated, 15 Aug 1947

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 503<sup>rd</sup> Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953

Activated, 16 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955

Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

Reconstituted and redesignated 503<sup>rd</sup> Combat Support Group, 31 Jul 1985

## STATIONS

Gross Gerau, Germany 6 June 1945

AAF Station Schweinfurt, Germany Sep 1945

Bolling Field, District of Columbia, Feb 1946

Selfridge Field, MI, Apr 1946, 15 Aug 1947

Portland International Airport, OR, 1 Feb 1952

## ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force, 6 Jun 1945

IX Air Force Service Command, 25 Oct 1945

XII Tactical Air Command, 15 Dec 1945

64<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, 15 Feb 1946

Strategic Air Command Mar 1946-Jun 1946

Fifteenth Air Force Jun 1946-15 Aug 1947

4704<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Wing, 16 Feb 1953

25<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 8 Oct 1954–18 Aug 1955

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-86F, 1953

F-89D, 1954–1955

F-94A, 1953–1954

F-94B, 1953

### **COMMANDERS**

Unknown, 6 Jun 1945

LTC Michael J. King, 11 Jun 1945

LTC Hugh A. Griffith, 22 May 1946

LTC John A. Carey, 1946

Col Frank W. Seifert, Dec 1946

LTC John W. Gaff, Jr., 14 Jan 1947

Col George F. Couleers, #1954

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Its 921st Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 745th Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support. Supported the 86th Fighter Group, as part of the occupation forces in Germany until 1946.

Returned to the US and supported the 56th Fighter Group at Selfridge Field, Michigan. In October 1946, deployed a detachment to Ladd Field, Alaska for Arctic Training Inactivated and replaced in 1947 by the 56th Airdrome Group, 56th Maintenance & Supply Group, and 56th Station Medical Group.

Replaced the 89th Air Base Squadron as host organization for active duty USAF units at Portland

International Airport. Assigned three squadrons to perform its support responsibilities. Replaced by the 337th Fighter Group (Defense) in 1955.