

# 533<sup>rd</sup> AIR DEFENSE GROUP

## MISSION

533<sup>rd</sup> Air Defense Group mission was air defense of Southern California

## LINEAGE

533<sup>rd</sup> Air Service Group activated, 28 May 1945

Inactivated, 25 Sep 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 533<sup>rd</sup> Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953

Activated, 16 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955

Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

## STATIONS

Sterperone, Italy, 28 May 1945-May 1945

Pisa, Italy, May 1945-25 Sep 1945

Oxnard AFB, CA, 16 Feb 1953–18 Aug 1955

## ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations

27<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 16 Feb 1953–18 Aug 1955

## WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-51D 1953

F-94C 1953-1955

## COMMANDERS

Col Wilton H. Earle, #1954

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Its 959th Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 783rd Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support. Supported 483<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group in Italy in 1945.

Redesignated as an air defense group, reconstituted and activated at Oxnard AFB in 1953. Replaced the 90th Air Base Squadron as USAF host organization at Oxnard AFB. Assigned three squadrons to perform its support responsibilities. Replaced by the 414th Fighter Group (Air Defense) in 1955