

519th AIR DEFENSE GROUP

MISSION

519th Air Defense Group mission was air defense of the Northeastern United States.

LINEAGE

519th Air Service Group constituted

Activated, 20 Jan 1945

Inactivated, 1 Dec 1947

Disbanded, 8 October 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 519th Air Defense Group, 21 Jan 1953

Activated, 16 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 18 Aug 1955

Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Venosa Airfield, Italy, 20 Jan 1945

Capodichino Airport, Naples, Italy, 8 May 1945-15 May 1945

Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 24 May 1945-24 May 1945

Sioux City Army Air Base, IA, Jul 1945-8 Sept 1945

Salina Army Airfield, KS, 8 Sep 1945-4 Oct 1947

Mile 26 Field, AK, 4 Oct 1947-1 Dec 1947

Suffolk County AFB, NY, 6 Feb 1952-18 Aug 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations

20th Bombardment Wing (later VIII Bomber Command), 1945-Mar 1946

Fifteenth Air Force, Mar 1946-1947

4709th Defense Wing (later 4709th Air Defense Wing), 16 Feb 1953-18 Aug 1955

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-86A 1953

F-86F 1953
F-86D, 1953-1955

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Its 945th Air Engineering Squadron provided maintenance that was beyond the capability of the combat group, its 769th Air Materiel Squadron handled all supply matters, and its Headquarters & Base Services Squadron provided other support. Supported the 485th Bombardment Group in Italy. Returned to the US, where it continued to support heavy bombardment groups. Scheduled to move overseas in 1946, but movement cancelled. Reduced to nominal strength of 4 officers and 7 enlisted men in March 1946, but re-manned in April. Deployed to Alaska with the 97th Bombardment Group. Replaced by 97th Airdrome Group, 97th Maintenance & Supply Group, and 97th Station Medical Group in 1947.

Redesignated as an air defense group, reconstituted and activated at Suffolk County AFB in 1953 with responsibility for air defense of the Northeastern United States. Replaced 77th Air Base Squadron as USAF host unit at Suffolk County AFB. Assigned three squadrons to perform its support responsibilities. Inactivated and replaced by the 52d Fighter Group (Air Defense).