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Foreword

Aviation units, although they belong to one of the newer branches of the Army, have compiled an impressive record of achievement. From the organization of the earliest separate units in the Korean War era through an outstanding record in Vietnam and the recent achievement of independent branch status, Army aviation has become an integral part of today's combined arms doctrine. The lineages, honors, and heraldic items in this volume should increase the historical awareness of aviation soldiers and enhance their pride in their units. A positive sense of unit identity and enthusiasm is an intangible but significant factor in successful military organizations. It is our hope that this volume will contribute to the esprit de corps of Army aviation units.

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Preface

The inception of organic Army aviation in World War II and the Korean War era can be traced to the growing realization that the ground commander needed aviation resources directly under his control and always responsive to his needs as an integral part of the organizational assets provided to accomplish his mission. There had been aero squadrons at the corps and army level in World War I, and observation squadrons had been provided in the 1920–1921 division tables of organization. These units and personnel ultimately went under the control of the Army Air Corps, in 1930 in the Regular Army and in the 1940 call-up of the National Guard. Following successful experiences in the 1941 maneuvers, the Army began using light, fixed-wing aircraft in 1942 for artillery forward observation, liaison, and reconnaissance. Tactical air support and aerial troop and supply transport in World War II were provided by Army Air Corps units, which later became Air Force units. With the establishment of the Air Force as a separate service in 1947, the coordination of aviation resources to provide direct support to ground operations became problematic. In response, the Army began cautious development of its own aviation assets, building on its World War II experience with light planes and experimenting with early rotary-wing aircraft.

Army aviation as a separate organizational entity emerged in the period 1950 to 1954, with the organization and activation of the first units, some provisional and some permanent. By January 1953 four transportation helicopter companies, later redesignated as aviation units, had been organized, and a number of provisional helicopter ambulance detachments were operational.

The aviation designation first appeared during implementation of the Pentomic concept in 1957. Aviation companies were assigned as organic elements of Regular Army infantry and armored divisions and to the 82d Airborne Division. Aviation companies organic to divisions in the Army Reserve were constituted and activated in 1958 and 1959. Beginning in 1959, aviation companies were added to National Guard divisions.

Under the ROAD (Reorganization Objective Army Divisions) concept in 1963, these divisional aviation companies were expanded into battalions, consisting of a general support company and an airmobile company. The general support companies assumed the aerial surveillance, reconnaissance and liaison, and utility missions of the old divisional aviation companies, while the airmobile companies, augmented with armed escort helicopters, performed the mission of the old transportation light helicopter companies—the air movement of troops and materiel. The 11th Air Assault Division was also established in 1963 as a test for the ideas developed the previous year by the U.S. Army Tactical Mobility Requirements

Board (or Howze Board, after its president, Lt. General Hamilton H. Howze).

Ultimately, only two divisions ever operated tactically under the airmobility concept. The 11th Air Assault Division was inactivated in 1965, and the 1st Cavalry Division and the 101st Airborne Division were reorganized, with organic aviation groups of three battalions of rotary-wing aircraft and a fixed-wing aviation company. Nevertheless, the studies and tests the Howze Board carried out, examining the use of aviation to enhance mobility, had an important impact on the tremendous expansion of the role of Army aviation that took place during the Vietnam War.

The uniquely high demands placed on aviation resources by the nature of operations in Vietnam led to the constitution and activation of a large number of nondivisional battalions to supplement aviation resources organic to divisions. This, in turn, led to the constitution and activation of a number of nondivisional aviation groups and of the 1st Aviation Brigade to provide needed levels of command and control. After the Vietnam War, the capabilities of the armed helicopter continued to be developed with new emphasis placed on the role of armed helicopters as tank destroyers.

The range of missions assigned to aviation units today, from reconnaissance and transport to fire support and antitank combat, testify to the importance organic aviation has assumed in U.S. Army doctrine and operations, despite its relatively brief history. In April 1983 Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., approved plans to establish aviation as a separate branch of the Army in order to achieve "full integration of Army aviation into the combined arms team."

Aviation as a branch includes most of the units in the Army that use fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft to perform their missions. This volume gathers in compact form the official historical records of aviation units in order to perpetuate their traditions, honors, and heraldic entitlements. It includes the lineage and honors of the 1st Aviation Brigade and of all Regular Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard aviation groups and battalions as of 1 May 1983. Air traffic control units have not been included.

Not all Army units using aircraft to perform their functions carry an aviation designation. They have therefore not been included in this compilation. For example, the heritage of aerial forward observers in World War II and aerial rocket artillery, which used armed helicopters in Vietnam to perform fire support missions, is preserved in the Field Artillery branch. Former aviation units, such as the 224th Aviation Battalion (now the 224th Military Intelligence Battalion), that have been converted to other branches will appear in those volumes pertaining to their current designations.

The lineage and honors record of a unit is an outline history, and the official certificate attesting to that history, prepared in the Organizational History Branch of the U.S. Army Center of Military History, is a highly stylized document. The unit lineages in this book are adapted from the official certificates. The lineage begins with the official designation of the

unit, followed by its special designation, if approved by the Center. The events in the life of a unit recorded as part of its past are restricted to a few specific actions, such as activation, inactivation, and redesignation. The data has been compressed to save space, which accounts for the technical language used. A glossary appears at the end of the volume to assist the reader in understanding these terms. Campaigns and decorations for all units are listed in each lineage. General orders announcing designations are shown parenthetically.

The Organizational History Branch is responsible for the determination of official unit lineages and honors, and the lineages that appear in this volume are the result of research done by many members of the branch, past and present. Mr. Wayne M. Dzwonchyk brought all the lineages up to date and compiled the unit bibliographies with the help of Mr. Charles E. Dornbusch's comprehensive bibliography entitled *Histories, Personal Narratives, United States Army* (Cornwallville, New York: Hope Farm Press, 1967) and the U.S. Army Military History Institute's similar work compiled by Colonel George S. Pappas entitled *United States Army Unit Histories* (Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, 1971). The *U.S. Army Aviation Digest* also proved a valuable source of information about many units. While it does not appear on the unit bibliographies, Mr. Shelby L. Stanton's volume *Vietnam Order of Battle* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. News Books, 1981) also contains information about aviation units in Vietnam. In the compilation of the bibliographies, considerable assistance was rendered by Mr. Stephen Everett and Miss Dana Purdy. The manuscript was typed by Mrs. Reda Robinson and edited by Mrs. Joycelyn M. Canery.

Descriptions of coat of arms, distinctive insignia, and flag devices approved for aviation units are included with the lineages. These descriptions, as well as the color illustrations of the heraldic items, were furnished by The Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army. The Organizational History Branch is especially grateful to Dr. Opal V. Landrum, Miss Nadine Russell, and Miss Nuala Barry for their time and effort spent in assisting in the publication of this volume. In some instances, the text relating the the heraldic items approved for the units is not as comprehensive as in the original letters of approval, amendment, or redesignation sent to the organization. Minor changes in heraldic material have been made to meet the need for brevity in this volume. In addition to the color illustrations, a brief account of the evolution of these items is included.

Since the Center of Military History is responsible for the determination and publication of unit lineage and honors under Army Regulations 870–5, comments are invited and should be addressed to the Center at Washington, D.C. 20314–0200.

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Heraldic Items

Heraldic items for Army organizations reflect history, tradition, ideals, and accomplishments. Coats of arms, historic badges, and distinctive insignia have been so designed that each is distinctive to the organization for which approved. They serve as identifying devices and as an inspiration and an incentive for unity of purpose.

A coat of arms (or a historic badge) and a distinctive insignia are authorized for each regiment; coats of arms and distinctive insignia also are authorized for fixed battalions (those with organic companies). Distinctive insignia are authorized for flexible battalions (those organized with a headquarters only) and groups. The designs of these items are based on the lineages and battle honors of the organizations.

While the custom of bearing various symbols on shields, helmets, and flags existed in antiquity, heraldry was not introduced until the Middle Ages. The use of heraldic devices became more prevalent with the increased use of armor and the requirements for insignia to assist in distinguishing friend from foe on the battlefield. The symbols selected for use on these devices were commemorative of incidents of valor, mythological beasts, and, later, other symbols to which specific symbolism was ascribed. These heraldic bearings were placed on a surcoat worn over the armor, from which the term *coat of arms* was derived. Gradually a formal system of heraldry evolved, complete with rules for design, use, and display. These rules or principles were for the purpose of facilitating designs that would be distinctive and easily recognized. Present-day heraldic devices stem from this heraldic system established during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

A complete coat of arms consists of a shield, a crest, and a motto. The shield, the most important portion of the arms, contains the field or ground on which the charges are placed. The crest as originally used was placed upon the top of the helmet of the chief or leader to enable his followers to distinguish him during battle. The crest is placed upon a wreath of six skeins or twists composed of the principal metal and principal color of the shield, alternately, in the order named. This wreath (or torse) represents the piece of cloth which the knight twisted around the top of his helmet, and by means of which the actual crest was attached. Mottoes have been in use longer than coats of arms, many of the older ones having originated from war cries. They usually are of an idealistic nature and sometimes allude to a well-known event in the history of the organization. The historic badges (authorized for some regiments in lieu of coats of arms) are of a symbolic composition and include mottoes, but they are not shield-shaped.

The elements of the coat of arms or the historic badge, as applicable,

are embroidered on the organizational flag (color)—the central element of which is the American eagle. The shield of the coat of arms is on the eagle's breast; a scroll bearing the motto is held in his beak; and the crest is placed above his head. On flags of those organizations which have historic badges in lieu of coats of arms, the badge is placed above the eagle's head and the scroll bearing the motto is in his beak.

Distinctive insignia manufactured in metal and enamel are worn on the uniform by all personnel of the regiment, battalion, or group. The insignia of the regiments and separate battalions usually are based on elements of the design of the coat of arms or historic badge. Flexible battalion and group insignia (often referred to as badges) are not shield-shaped; however, they are of a symbolic composition and include mottoes.

The distinctive insignia is the basis for the flag device of each flexible battalion. It is appliqued on the center of the organization's distinguishing flag.

The distinctive insignia, organizational colors and distinguishing flags are interlinked and these heraldic items today, as in the past, serve to distinguish specific organizations and their members.





1st Aviation Brigade



10th Aviation Group



11th Aviation Group



12th Aviation Group



15th Aviation Group



16th Aviation Group



17th Aviation Group



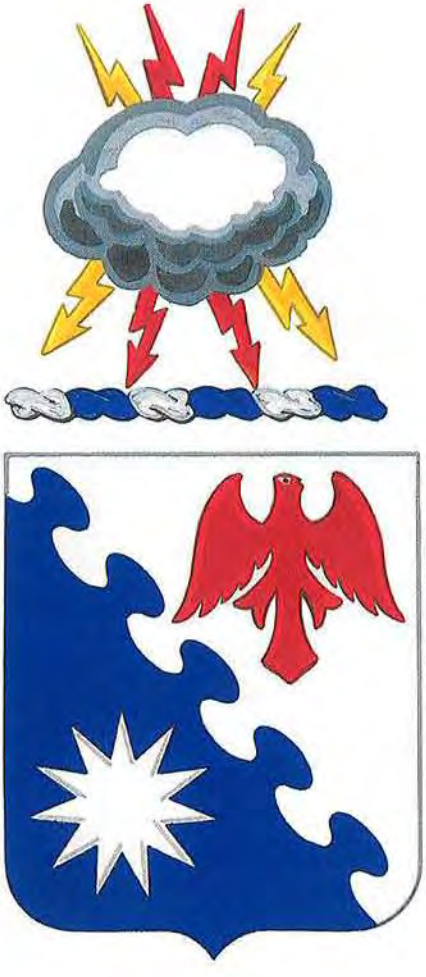
101st Aviation Group



164th Aviation Group



165th Aviation Group



1st Aviation Battalion





2d Aviation Battalion





3d Aviation Battalion



4th Aviation Battalion





5th Aviation Battalion





6th Aviation Battalion





7th Aviation Battalion





8th Aviation Battalion







9th Aviation Battalion





10th Aviation Battalion





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22d Aviation Battalion





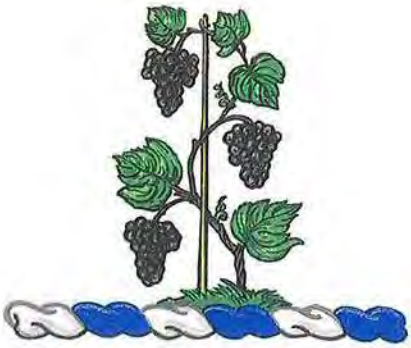
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25th Aviation Battalion







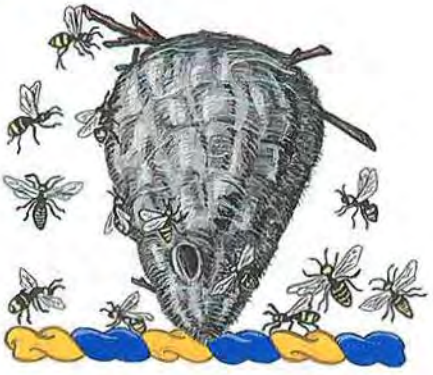


26th Aviation Battalion













28th Aviation Battalion





31st Aviation Battalion













38th Aviation Battalion









40th Aviation Battalion



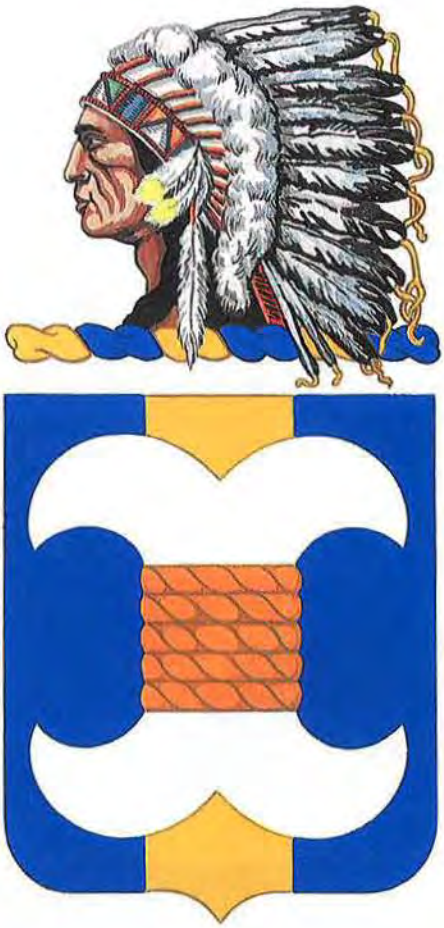








42d Aviation Battalion





45th Aviation Battalion





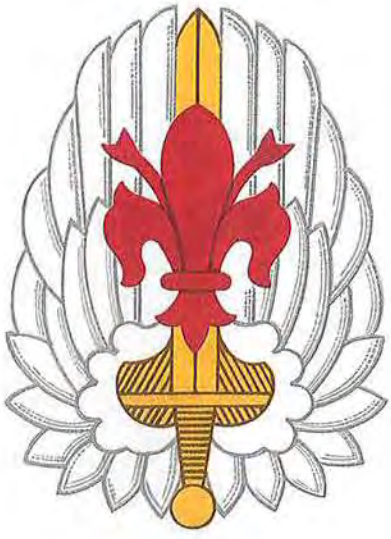






47th Aviation Battalion







52d Aviation Battalion





53d Aviation Battalion





55th Aviation Battalion



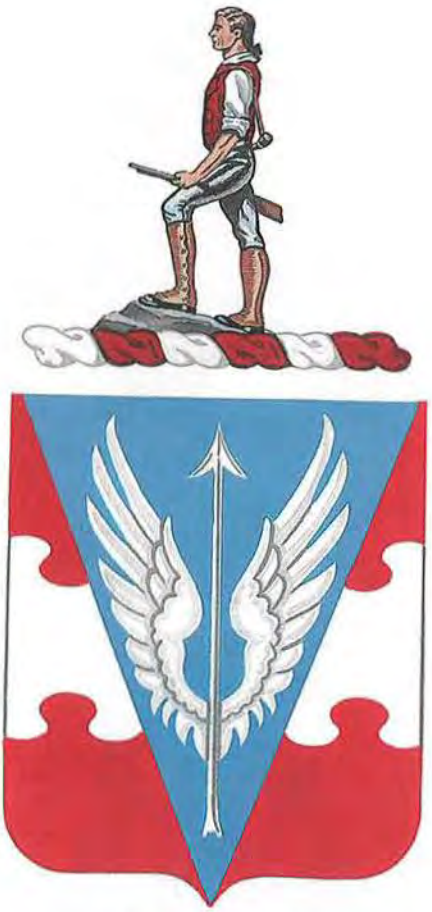


58th Aviation Battalion





77th Aviation Battalion



81st Aviation Battalion





82d Aviation Battalion







83d Aviation Battalion







101st Aviation Battalion



123d Aviation Battalion





130th Aviation Battalion





131st Aviation Battalion





145th Aviation Battalion







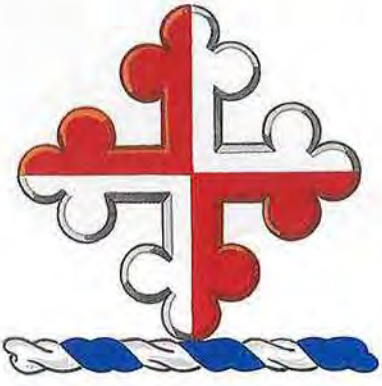




149th Aviation Battalion











150th Aviation Battalion







160th Aviation Battalion





164th Aviation Battalion







159th Aviation Battalion



158th Aviation Battalion





210th Aviation Battalion





212th Aviation Battalion



214th Aviation Battalion





222d Aviation Battalion





223d Aviation Battalion





227th Aviation Battalion









228th Aviation Battalion



229th Aviation Battalion





267th Aviation Battalion





268th Aviation Battalion





269th Aviation Battalion







307th Aviation Battalion



311th Aviation Battalion





501st Aviation Battalion





502d Aviation Battalion





503d Aviation Battalion





504th Aviation Battalion

LINEAGES AND HERALDIC DATA

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 1st AVIATION BRIGADE

HERALDIC ITEMS

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description: On an ultramarine shield arched at top a golden orange swooping hawk head to left and wings elevated in front of a vertical unsheathed sword, point upward throughout with white blade and red hilt all within a golden orange border.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors used for aviation units. Gold and red are the colors of the Republic of Vietnam and of the shoulder sleeve insignia of the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam and U.S. Army, Vietnam, the commands under which the brigade was formed and served in armed conflict. The hawk in flight preparing to strike its prey symbolizes aviation's impact on modern ground warfare. It was adopted as the symbol of the new aviation capabilities during the initial phase of air assault concept testing in 1963. The crusader's sword, taken from the shoulder sleeve insignia of U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, identifies the origin and mission of the brigade in Vietnam. The rapid increase in aviation units in Vietnam dictated formation of the aviation brigade to command multiple units.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a swooping hawk with elevated wings.

Symbolism: Gold is one of the colors of the Republic of Vietnam, and of the shoulder sleeve insignia of the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam and U.S. Army, Vietnam, the commands under which the brigade was formed and served in armed conflict. The hawk in flight preparing to strike its prey symbolizes aviation's impact on modern ground warfare.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
(nondivisional)

LINEAGE

Constituted 25 April 1966 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade. Activated 25 May 1966 in Vietnam.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II
Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1971 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, cited; DA GO 646, US Army, Vietnam, 30 March 1972)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, cited; DA GO 32, 1973)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, cited; DA GO 32, 1973)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, cited; DA GO 22, 1968, as amended by DA GO 21, 1969, DA GO 46, 1969, DA GO 59, 1969, and DA GO 38, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969, DA GO 59, 1969, DA GO 60, 1969, DA GO 38, 1970, DA GO 43, 1970, and DA GO 51, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, cited; DA GO 6, 1974, as amended by DA GO 5, 1979)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 10th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia with a blue shakefork reversed, the three arms of equal length and couped, the vertical arm between two silver wings of five feathers each, the tips of feathers inward and surmounted by a golden orange arrowhead, a silver scroll in base passing over the throat of the arrowhead and over and back of the ends of the two lower arms of the shakefork, and bearing the motto "Will Do" in blue letters.

Symbolism: The wings and the shakefork, which simulate the rotor blades of a helicopter, refer to the aviation mission of the organization, the ten feathers in the wings alluding to its numerical designation, and the arrowhead placed over the rotor blades and wings to the major assault function of flying (carrying) troops into combat. The motto "Will Do" reflects the unit's determination and success in accomplishing its objectives. The colors ultramarine blue and golden orange are traditionally associated with aviation units.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
(inactive)

LINEAGE

Constituted 30 June 1965 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Aviation Group. Activated 1 July 1965 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Inactivated 15 May 1970 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

10TH AVIATION GROUP BIBLIOGRAPHY

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"Huey Airmobility Training in the 10th Aviation Group." *United States Army Aviation Digest.* 12 (September 1966):6–10.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 11th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a blue oval, behind a silver eagle displayed with an orange arrow erect charged on each wing, below a silver scroll inscribed "We Make the Difference" in black letters.

Symbolism: The eagle is used to symbolize the superior flying ability of the 11th Aviation Group; the wings displayed with claws extended represent the unit's outstanding record of revolutionizing airmobile warfare. The arrows further allude to speed in flight, while one arrow on each wing gives numerical distinction to the 11th Aviation Group. Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors associated with aviation units.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(nondivisional)

Constituted 1 February 1963 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Air Assault Aviation Group, and assigned to the 11th Air Assault Division. Activated 5 February 1963 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1965 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group; concurrently, relieved from assignment to the 11th Air Assault Division and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division. Relieved 5 May 1971 from assignment to the 1st Cavalry Division.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II
Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PLEIKU PROVINCE (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 40, 1967)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered FISH HOOK (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 43, 1972)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1966 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 42, 1972 and DA GO 6, 1974)

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Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 12th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of nine tongues of flame issuant from a common center with orange at their centers and their outer ends curled inwardly in a clockwise direction; separating the flames into three groups three blue wings emerging from a red disc in center the lower portion enclosed by a gold scroll bearing the motto "Ad Excelsum Conamur" (Strive for Excellence) in red letters.

Symbolism: A mythological phoenix symbol, depicted in heraldry as a demieagle with wings displayed rising out of flames of fire and said to represent hope and life eternal, is the basis for this design. Thus the blue wings symbolize the Group's aircraft rising triumphant out of the tempering fires of combat, signifying hope and the continuity of life throughout hardships. The Aviation colors, blue and orange, are represented in the wings and flames and the total number of the tongues of flame and the wings equal the numerical designation of the group.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(nondivisional)

Constituted 15 June 1965 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 12th Aviation Group. Activated 18 June 1965 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II
Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (12th Aviation Group cited; DA GO 48, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 12th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 22, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (12th Aviation Group cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 43, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 12th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 12th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974, and DA GO 54, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (12th Aviation Group cited; DA GO 55, 1971)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 15th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a black tower masoned gold, turreted red, overall an upright winged sword, blade and hilt gold and wings white; all above a blue scroll inscribed "Flying Mustangs" in gold letters, the center part of the scroll surmounting the hilt of the sword.

Symbolism: The upright sword from the shoulder sleeve insignia of United States Army, Europe, with the addition of wings for aviation, stands for air defense and also denotes that the initial service of the group was under that command. The number of feathers in each wing, i.e., fifteen, alludes to the organization's numerical designation. The heraldic tower, representing an aviation control tower, refers to the organization's mission of command and control of aviation units and battalions. Black, red, and gold, the national colors of the Federal Republic of Germany, refer to the activation of the group in that country. Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors of aviation units; red, white, and blue refer to the United States.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 6 June 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 15th Aviation Group, and activated in Germany. Inactivated 2 April 1973 in Germany.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

15TH AVIATION GROUP BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 16th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a purple mountain with three jagged peaks in base a black area (helipad) behind the mountain two red bars, the upper one following the contour of the mountain peaks. The purple and black areas are surmounted by a gold falcon's head all within a light blue circle with the lower portion covered by a gold scroll inscribed in black letters, "Born in Battle."

Symbolism: The falcon's head symbolizes the strong combat flying capabilities of the unit. The purple mountains refer to those in the northernmost part of South Vietnam where the unit was activated. The three mountain peaks symbolize the threefold effort of the United States, South Vietnam, and the Free World military forces to win freedom and secure peace. The black area in base alludes to the flares and flashes of battle. Also, gold and red are the national colors of the Republic of Vietnam. The blue annulet stands for the continuous and courageous efforts of the group.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (nondivisional)

Constituted 20 December 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Group, and activated in Vietnam.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUANG TIN PROVINCE (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 43, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (16th Aviation Group cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM FEB–MAR 1971 (16th Aviation Group cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM APR–JUN 1971 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 17th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a blue disc bearing a gold eagle in flight, wings extended beyond the upper edge of the disc, grasping in its talons a sword, blade white, hilt and pommel gold; all above a gold scroll inscribed "Freedom's Eagles" in red letters.

Symbolism: The color ultramarine blue is associated with aviation units. Gold and red, the colors of the national flag of the Republic of Vietnam, allude to the activation and initial combat service of the 17th Aviation Group in Vietnam. The eagle, mythological guardian of the element air, refers to aviation power; the sword stands for combat. The sword is white for the purity of the cause of freedom for which it is raised. It appears on the shoulder sleeve insignia of the United States Army Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and of the 1st Aviation Brigade under which the unit served.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (nondivisional)

Constituted 1 December 1965 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 17th Aviation Group. Activated 15 December 1965 in Vietnam. Inactivated 16 March 1973 at Oakland, California. Activated 1 June 1975 in Korea.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

- Defense
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II
- Counteroffensive, Phase III
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- Summer–Fall 1969
- Winter–Spring 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- Consolidation I
- Consolidation II
- Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 17th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 22, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (17th Aviation Group cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 17th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 101st AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a black winged bald eagle, beak, legs, and talons gold, alighting on the top of an open white parachute with gold rigging, all on a light blue area enclosed by a continuous black scroll lined gold arched across the top, tapered inwardly, reversed to the gold side in a convex arc around the base bearing the inscription "Wings of Destiny" in black letters.

Symbolism: The eagle depicts the unit's strike capability and with the parachute symbolizes the uniting of Army aviation with an airborne division. The black and gold scroll refers to the colors of the 101st Airborne Division, while the light blue represents the sky.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (101st Airborne Division)

Constituted 1 July 1968 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 160th Aviation Group, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, and activated in Vietnam. Redesignated 25 June 1969 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Aviation Group.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered THUA THIEN PROVINCE (101st Aviation Group cited; DA GO 50, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968–1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 43, 1970, as amended by DA GO 48, 1971 and DA GO 5, 1979)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (101st Aviation Group cited; DA GO 11, 1973)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 164th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a gold equilateral triangle containing two concentric red triangles and surmounted by a silver swooping hawk with wings displayed all in front of a blue disc enclosed by a tri-folded scroll inscribed in blue letters, "Here Am I—Send Me."

Symbolism: The triangular shape symbolizes the Mekong delta where the 164th Aviation Group was activated and where it conducted its operations. The concentric triangles refer to the unit's growth in its primary mission, to give support. Red and yellow are the colors used by the Republic of Vietnam, while the swooping silver hawk refers to the combat airpower of the unit. The color blue is used by aviation units; it also alludes to the ultimate goal of peaceful blue skies.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 20 December 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 164th Aviation Group, and activated in Vietnam. Inactivated 14 March 1973 at Oakland, California.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (164th Aviation Group cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 164th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974 and DA GO 52, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 164th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

164TH AVIATION GROUP BIBLIOGRAPHY

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 165th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a pair of white wings on an inverted blue chevron, overall a silver sword; all interlaced with an elliptical silver band so that the wings and the arms of the chevron extend over and beyond the outer edge of the band and the point and hilt of the sword under and beyond; the upper part of the band inscribed "Guide" and the lower part "Follow, Safeguard" all in blue letters.

Symbolism: The chevron supporting the wings stands for the group's mission of aviation support. The crusader's sword is taken from the shoulder sleeve insignia of the United States Army Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. It refers to the activation and initial combat service of the group in Vietnam. In addition, the sword simulates a "1"; the sword and the inverted chevron together represent the numeral "6" (Roman numeral VI) and the inverted chevron represents the numeral 5 (Roman numeral V); all refer to the organization's designation. Ultramarine blue is the color used for aviation units.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 1 December 1968 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Aviation Group. Activated 17 February 1969 in Vietnam. Inactivated 30 January 1972 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

165TH AVIATION GROUP BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

1st AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per bend nebuly argent and azure, in base a mullet of eleven points of the first and in chief an alerion gules.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, issuant out of a cloud proper, four crossed lightning bolts their points in base, two at center gules between two gold.

Motto: *Super Primum* (Above the First).

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue is traditionally associated with aviation units. The alerion (a heraldic eagle without beak or talon) is symbolic of flight and further suggests the fixed wing variety of aircraft. The star, a symbol of achievement, also represents rotary-winged aircraft. The nebuly partition line is suggestive of clouds and sky.

The lightning bolts out of a cloud are suggestive of the mission and capabilities of an aviation battalion in combat. Yellow and scarlet, the colors of the Republic of Vietnam, refer to the unit's service in eleven campaigns there. Two awards of the Meritorious Unit Commendation are represented by the scarlet lightning bolts at center, and the two yellow bolts connote awards of the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (1st Infantry Division)

Constituted 15 February 1957 in the Regular Army as the 1st Aviation Company, assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Riley, Kansas. Reorganized and redesignated 2 January 1964 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 23 October 1963 and activated 2 January 1964). Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Aviation Battalion, reorganized and redesignated 21 April 1972 as the Aviation Company, 1st Infantry Division (organic elements concurrently inactivated). Reorgan-

ized and redesignated 2 September 1981 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Battalion (organic elements concurrently activated).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1966 (1st Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968–1969 (1st Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1968 (1st Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1970 (1st Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 53, 1970)

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2d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per chevron azure and argent, a pair of wings conjoined in lure counterchanged.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: *Excelsus* (Lofty).

Symbolism: Teal blue was formerly associated with aviation battalions. The white peak represents the highest elevation in North America, located in the McKinley Mountains in Alaska, where the unit was activated. The wings refer to the aviation function of the battalion.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (2d Infantry Division)

Constituted 24 May 1957 in the Regular Army as the 2d Aviation Company and assigned to the 2d Infantry Division. Activated 20 June 1957 at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Reorganized and redesignated 20 February 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 25 January 1963 and activated 20 February 1963).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

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3d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, three bendlets argent, on a chief of the first, a pair of wings displayed fesswise of the second.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: *Ex Alis Pugnamus* (We Fight on Wings).

Symbolism: Teal blue and white are the colors formerly used for aviation battalions. The diagonal stripes allude to the shoulder sleeve insignia of the 3d Infantry Division, to which the unit is assigned. The wings represent the mission of the battalion, and their position above the stripes represents the aviator flying above the support organizations. The style of the wings is similar to the wings associated with Army aviation.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (3d Infantry Division)

Constituted 23 April 1957 in the Regular Army as the 3d Aviation Company and assigned to the 3d Infantry Division. Activated 1 July 1957 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Reorganized and redesignated 15 July 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 18 April 1963 and activated 15 July 1963). (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Aviation Battalion, reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1964 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 3d Aviation Battalion; Company A inactivated 15 January 1967 in Germany.) Battalion (less Company A) inactivated 5 June 1967 in Germany. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 3d Aviation Battalion, redesignated 21 May 1972 as the Aviation Company, 3d Infantry Division, and activated in Germany. Redesignated 21 August 1978 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Aviation Battalion (organic elements concurrently activated in Germany).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

3D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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4th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per fess nebuly azure and argent and per chevron counterchanged, in chief a pair of wings elevated and displayed or.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, issuant from a wreath of rice or and palm vert tied of the second a demi-dragon gules.

Motto: *Vigilantia Aeterna* (Eternal Vigilance).

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue is traditionally associated with aviation units. The curved nebuly partition line is a heraldic representation of clouds. The triangular wedge rising above the line stands for Mount Rainier with its peak above the clouds. Mount Rainier is a landmark of the unit's place of activation. The golden eagle's wings above the peak and clouds refer to the battalion's aviation function. The oriental dragon symbolizes the unit's wartime service in Vietnam and participation in eleven campaigns. Red refers to the Meritorious Unit Commendation; the rice alludes to the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, and the palm represents the awards of the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
(4th Infantry Division)

LINEAGE

Constituted 1 April 1957 in the Regular Army as the 4th Aviation Company, assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Lewis, Washington. Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 21 August 1963 and activated 1 October 1963). (Company A inactivated 25 April 1966 in Vietnam; activated 1 September 1966 at Fort Lewis, Washington.) Battalion inactivated 4 December 1970 at Fort Lewis, Washington. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Aviation Battalion, redesignated 21 November 1972

as the Aviation Company, 4th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Carson, Colorado. Reorganized and redesignated 17 March 1980 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Aviation Battalion (organic elements concurrently activated).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (4th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1969 (4th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 3, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (4th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 52, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (4th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 53, 1970)

4TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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5th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, issuing in fess point a pair of stylized wings displayed argent and overall a fleam abased tenné fimbriated of the second.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a hawk's head erased proper gorged by a collar azure, rims studded or and charged with a fleur-de-lis gold.

Motto: Acute and Alert.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors traditionally associated with aviation units. The wings allude to aviation; the fleam, an heraldic lancet, represents the combat activities of the unit as a reconnaissance troop during World War II. It is also symbolic of the numerical designation and the five battle honors awarded the unit for service in World War II. The hawk, noted for its keen eyesight and hunting instincts, represents the unit's "baptism of fire" as the 5th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized. The Normandy campaign is symbolized by the blue collar and gold fleur-de-lis. The hawk is particularly apt as it complements the unit's capabilities and history.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
(5th Infantry Division)

LINEAGE

Constituted 20 July 1940 in the Regular Army as the 5th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop and assigned to the 5th Division (later redesignated as the 5th Infantry Division). Activated 10 August 1940 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1943 as the 5th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized. Reorganized and redesignated 4 March 1946 as the 5th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. Inactivated 20 September 1946 at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Redesignated 6 July 1948 as the 5th Reconnaissance Company and activated at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Inactivated 30 April 1950 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Activated 1 March 1951 at Indiantown Military Reservation, Pennsylvania. Inactivated 1 September 1953 at

Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania. Activated 25 May 1954 at Augsburg, Germany. Inactivated 1 June 1957 at Fort Ord, California.

Converted and redesignated 26 January 1962 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Aviation Battalion (organic elements concurrently constituted). Battalion activated 19 February 1962 at Fort Carson, Colorado. (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Aviation Battalion, reorganized and redesignated 12 February 1964 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 5th Aviation Battalion; Company A inactivated 25 April 1966 in Vietnam.) Battalion (less Company A) inactivated 24 June 1967 at Fort Carson, Colorado. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 5th Aviation Battalion, redesignated 21 July 1975 as the Aviation Company, 5th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1982 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Aviation Battalion (organic elements concurrently activated).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

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

Company A additionally entitled to the following:

Vietnam
Defense
Counteroffensive

DECORATIONS

None.

5TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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6th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, a mullet of six points volant wings elevated and displayed argent between five smaller mullets of the like three in chief, two and one, and two in base, one to dexter and one to sinister.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: Air Assault.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue is traditionally associated with aviation units. The large winged star of six points stands for the 6th Aviation Battalion and also refers to its mission of air support to the 6th Infantry Division, whose shoulder sleeve insignia is a six-pointed star. The six stars, each with six points, allude to the battalion's numerical designation as well as its organization and activation as an element of the 6th Infantry Division.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is an adaptation of the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE — RA (inactive)

Constituted 24 November 1967 in the Regular Army as the 6th Aviation Battalion, assigned to the 6th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Inactivated 25 July 1968 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

6TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

7th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per bend argent and azure, a stylized flight symbol surmounted by a telescope bendwise counterchanged between in sinister chief a sevenpointed mullet tenné and in dexter base a lightning flash bend—sinisterwise of the like fimbriated of the first.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: Lucky Seven.

Symbolism: Teal blue was formerly used for aviation battalions. The shield is divided into two parts to represent day and night activity. The flight symbol alludes to aviation; the telescope symbolizes reconnaissance, surveillance, and observation. The mullet refers to providing illumination, and the lightning flash represents radio relay.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (7th Infantry Division)

Constituted 1 July 1957 in the Regular Army as the 7th Aviation Company, assigned to the 7th Infantry Division, and activated in Korea. Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 7 June 1963 and activated 1 July 1963). Battalion inactivated 2 April 1971 at Fort Lewis, Washington. Activated 21 January 1976 at Fort Ord, California.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1957–1971 (7th Infantry Division cited; DA GO 50, 1971)

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8th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Sable, a winged caltrap or above a cross pattée argent.
Crest: None approved.
Motto: To the Sound of the Guns.
Symbolism: The four points of the caltrap represent infantry, armor, and artillery, supported by aviation, also represented by the wings. Activation in Germany is symbolized by the cross pattée. The eight points indicate the 8th Infantry Division to which the unit is assigned.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
LINEAGE (8th Infantry Division)

Constituted 1 August 1957 in the Regular Army as the 8th Aviation Company, assigned to the 8th Infantry Division, and activated in Germany. Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 27 March 1963 and activated 1 April 1963). (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Aviation Battalion, reorganized and redesignated 15 May 1964 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 8th Aviation Battalion.) Battalion inactivated 5 June 1967 in Germany. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 8th Aviation Battalion, redesignated 21 February 1973 as the Aviation Company, 8th Infantry Division, and activated in Germany. (Company B, 8th Aviation Battalion, activated 1 March 1977 at Fort Hood, Texas.) Aviation Company, 8th Infantry Division, reorganized and redesignated 21 September 1978 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Aviation Battalion (Companies A and C concurrently activated).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

8TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

9th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per saltire azure and tenné, a broad arrow point to chief argent.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a circlet of bamboo proper surmounted overall by five feathered arrow shafts or radiating from a bezant at center and each charged with the three bendlets at opposite sides of the shaft gules.

Motto: Anytime-Anywhere.

Symbolism: The broad arrow stands for flight and refers to the battalion's function. The central intersection of the background alludes to the state where it was activated in 1966, Kansas, which has been called the crossroads of the nation. The bamboo circlet, bezant, and feathered arrow shafts charged with three red bands, adapted from the flag of the Republic of Vietnam, represent the swift reaction and pinpoint accuracy needed within the confines of an unprepared landing zone and commemorate the battle of Rach Kien near Can Duoc for which the organization received the Valorous Unit Award. The five feathered arrow shafts further allude to the combined group of decorations earned by the battalion.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (9th Infantry Division)

Constituted 13 November 1957 in the Regular Army as the 9th Aviation Company and assigned to the 9th Infantry Division. Activated 1 December 1957 at Fort Carson, Colorado. Inactivated 31 January 1962 at Fort Carson, Colorado. Redesignated 1 February 1966 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 9th Aviation Battalion, and activated at Fort Riley, Kansas (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated). Battalion inactivated 25 September 1969 in Hawaii. Activated 21 April 1972 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Campaign Participation Credit

Vietnam
- Counteroffensive, Phase II
- Counteroffensive, Phase III
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- Summer–Fall 1969

Decorations

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered CAN DUOC (9th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1968)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1969 (9th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 36, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1968 (9th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 31, 1969)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 10th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a blue annulet surmounted by a pair of gold wings; overall a black bolt barbed and flighted gold. Beneath and crossing in front of the bolt a gold scroll inscribed "Soldiers of the Sky" in black letters, the ends of the scroll terminating at the annulet.

Symbolism: The wings represent the aviation function. The bolt, sometimes called a "quarrel," is a type of arrow used with the crossbow; it stands for the military personnel transported by the battalion. The annulet, symbol of fidelity, refers to the unit's faithfulness to duty. The bolt and the annulet, simulating a one and a zero, refer to the battalion's numerical designation.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 21 August 1965 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 10th Aviation Battalion. Activated 23 August 1965 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Redesignated 1 December 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Aviation Battalion. Inactivated 30 December 1980 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered TUY HOA VALLEY (10th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered DAK TO (10th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 73, 1968)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1966 (10th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (10th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (10th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 22, 1968, as amended by DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (10th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (10th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (10th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (10th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 5, 1973)

10TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 11th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of two silver vertical spears between two silver wings on a blue field all above a silver scroll bearing the inscription "Exempla Proponere" (To Set Forth Examples) in blue letters.

Symbolism: The blue field refers to the sky while the silver wings are symbolic of aviation. The two silver spears allude to combat readiness and also simulate the number "11," the numerical designation of the unit.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (nondivisional)

Constituted 21 August 1965 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion. Activated 23 August 1965 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Battalion.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered DAU TIENG–SUOI DA (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 17, 1968, as amended by DA GO 9, 1979)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 48, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1966 (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 46, 1968, as amended by DA GO 9, 1979)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 22, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 9, 1979, and DA GO 18, 1979)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974, and DA GO 54, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 55, 1971)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 13th AVIATION BATTALION

(Guardians)

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a winged sword in front of an equilateral triangle with the base of the triangle divided vertically throughout by a wide blue bar, with two areas on each side, the upper portion yellow and the lower portion red, all above a scroll bearing the inscription "Shield of the Mekong" in blue letters.

Symbolism: The winged sword refers to the combat mission of the battalion. The equilateral triangle (or delta) alludes to the Mekong river delta, Vietnam, the area where the organization served, and also relates to the motto "Shield of the Mekong." The colors blue, red, and yellow symbolize the three basic combat branches incorporated in airmobile warfare: infantry (highly mobile ground troops delivered to their objective by air); artillery (aerial rockets and grenades, heavy firepower delivered from the air); and cavalry (speed and mobility). The vertical winged sword and the three colors also allude to "13," the battalion's numerical designation. The blue bar further refers to the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to the organization.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE — RA (inactive)

Constituted 4 August 1964 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 13th Aviation Battalion. Activated 5 August 1964 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 13th Aviation Battalion. Inactivated 15 October 1979 at Fort Hood, Texas.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

- Advisory
- Defense
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II
- Counteroffensive, Phase III
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- Summer–Fall 1969
- Winter–Spring 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- Consolidation I
- Consolidation II
- Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 13th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 45, 1969)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE (13th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 34, 1966)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966 (13th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 46, 1968)

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Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (13th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 13th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 52, 1971, and DA GO 6, 1974)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 14th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a ring containing a red and blue disc horizontally divided by a nebuly partition line, the ring emerging from a blue triangle apex in base and radiating therefrom three flashes, the center flash extending to the top inner rim of the disc and above the ring encircling the upper half a blue arc inscribed "Versatility" in silver letters.

Symbolism: The battalion's readiness to furnish troop and cargo lift support in forward combat areas is represented by the nebuly divided red and blue disc. The ring alludes to the reconnoitering and observation functions. The triangle, simulating an arrowhead, and the radiant flashes refer to the combat assault role of the battalion's airmobile companies.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (nondivisional)

Constituted 2 September 1964 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 14th Aviation Battalion. Activated 3 September 1964 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Aviation Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 16 August 1979 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 14th Aviation Battalion.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Advisory
Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered CHU LAI (14th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1970)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered KHAM DUC CAMP (14th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 37, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 22, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (14th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM FEB–MAR 1971 (14th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

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14TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 16th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a falcon perched on a rest and encircled with a lure, all above a scroll bearing the motto "*Parati-Respondere*" (Ready to Respond).

Symbolism: The aerial aspects of the 16th Aviation Battalion are symbolized by the falcon. The lure (an object used to recall falcons) and the falcon's rest simulate the numerical "16," the organization's designation.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 5 August 1963 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Battalion. Activated 26 August 1963 in Germany. Reorganized and redesignated 25 June 1964 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 16th Aviation Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 6 June 1967 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Battalion. Inactivated 18 August 1972 in Germany.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

16TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 18th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a pair of wings conjoined and elevated containing between the wings upon a blue field arched at the top a sheaf of five star-tipped arrows bound by a ribbon, the stars forming an arc and the bottom of the arrows extending over the base of the wings; upon a silver scroll encircling the base the inscription "Swift Mobility" in black letters.

Symbolism: The raised wings and the arched blue area representing the sky indicate the battalion's readiness to provide swift air transportation. The five star-tipped arrows allude to the five campaign honors awarded the organization for service in World War II.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
(inactive)

LINEAGE

Constituted 17 June 1943 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 8th Quartermaster Troop Transport Battalion. Activated 25 August 1943 at Camp McCain, Mississippi. Reorganized and redesignated 30 November 1943 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 8th Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile. Converted and redesignated 1 August 1946 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 8th Transportation Corps Truck Battalion. Redesignated 20 July 1947 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 8th Transportation Truck Battalion. Inactivated 20 March 1948 in Germany.

Redesignated 19 February 1954 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 8th Transportation Battalion, and allotted to the Regular Army. Activated 1 April 1954 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Converted and redesignated 25 May 1965 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Aviation Battalion. Inactivated 6 September 1972 in Germany.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

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

DECORATIONS
None.

18TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 19th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a blue sky composed of three cloud shapes enclosing a chevron the arms tapered to points and supported by two roundels side by side each divided saltirewise with orange vertically and blue horizontally, the colors separated by two four-bladed rotors; supporting the above a scroll bearing the motto "Mobilitas" (Mobility) in blue letters.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors used for aviation units. The tapered silver chevron represents the fixed wing and the two discs the rotary wing aircraft, both types used by the battalion in carrying out its mission. The blue area refers to sky and clouds.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (nondivisional)

Constituted 28 May 1964 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 19th Aviation Battalion. Activated 1 July 1964 at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Reorganized and redesignated 31 March 1969 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Aviation Battalion. Inactivated 28 January 1972 at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Redesignated 30 June 1973 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 19th Aviation Battalion, and activated in Korea.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

19TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

"Rock Haul." *United States Army Aviation Digest* 24 (December 1978):22.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 20th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a white-capped blue cone, apex at the top, bearing a pair of conjoined white wings elevated and upper tips arched around a gold disc all in front of a light blue cloud symbol; across the top surmounting all a doubled gold scroll bearing the inscription "Peak of " above, and "Performance" below in blue letters.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors used for aviation. The battalion's activation in Colorado is represented by the white-capped mountain (alluding to Pike's Peak) extending above the clouds, and the gold disc is taken from the Colorado state flag. The scroll arched across the peak and the motto connote the spirit of the unit. The elevated wings signify the unit's readiness for swift performance of its mission. The wings and the disc allude to the numerical designation of the unit.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 18 April 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Aviation Battalion. Activated 25 July 1967 at Fort Carson, Colorado. Inactivated 15 May 1970 at Fort Carson, Colorado.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

20TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 21st AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of an upright symbol for man on a blue area between a silver wingspread and an orange enarched band scalloped on the top edge from wing tip to wing tip, bearing the inscription "Peace and War" in silver letters.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors of aviation units. The design represents the command and supervision of three to seven transport aircraft and/or helicopter companies, with the blue area enclosed by the wingspread and the enarched band representing the area of control, and the symbol for man reflecting the personnel and administrative factors. The scalloped edge simulating a parachute and a wheel refers to the paradrop, landing and mobility aspects of the unit. The wings symbolize fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft employed by the unit.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 18 April 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 21st Aviation Battalion. Activated 24 June 1967 at Fort Riley, Kansas. Inactivated 22 November 1971 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

21ST AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 22d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a pair of black upright wings, with tips forming an arch at the top, and conjoined in base, enclosing and supporting a white cone, apex at the top, charged with two red horizontal bars, and above the cone three blue stars one above two in triangle, and on a gold scroll encircling the sides and base of the wings the inscription "Proud and Professional" in blue letters.

Symbolism: The uplifted supporting wings and stars denote the readiness and capability of the battalion to perform its mission. The unit's activation at Fort Lewis, Washington, is indicated by the red bars on the white background and the stars which allude to the coat of arms of George Washington for whom the state was named. The black wings refer to the state bird, the willow goldfinch, and the white cone indicates the mountains of Washington. The bars and wings also allude to the numerical designation of the battalion.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 18 April 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 22d Aviation Battalion. Activated 24 June 1967 at Fort Lewis, Washington. Inactivated 15 May 1970 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

22D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

24th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, a pile or bearing three pheons sable.
Crest: None approved.
Motto: Ever Watchful.
Symbolism: Teal blue was formerly used for aviation battalions. The pheons refer to the unit's participation in four assault landings during World War II and to its unit decorations. The yellow used in connection with the pheons indicates that the awards and honors were for service as a cavalry unit.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
(24th Infantry Division)

LINEAGE

Constituted 28 October 1942 in the Regular Army as the 24th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop and assigned to the 24th Infantry Division. Activated 3 November 1942 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Reorganized and redesignated 13 July 1944 as the 24th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized. Reorganized and redesignated 10 October 1945 as the 24th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. Reorganized and redesignated 20 March 1949 as the 24th Reconnaissance Company.

Inactivated 5 June 1958; concurrently, converted and redesignated as the 24th Aviation Company, an element of the 24th Infantry Division. Activated 1 July 1958 at Augsburg, Germany. Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 21 January 1963 and activated 1 February 1963). Battalion inactivated 5 June 1967 in Germany. Activated 21 September 1975 at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II—AP
New Guinea (with arrowhead)
Leyte (with arrowhead)
Luzon (with arrowhead)
Southern Philippines (with arrowhead)

Korean War
UN Defensive
UN Offensive
CCF Intervention
First UN Counteroffensive
CCF Spring Offensive
UN Summer-Fall Offensive
Second Korean Winter
Korea, Summer 1953

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DEFENSE OF KOREA (24th Infantry Division cited; DA GO 45, 1950)

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (24th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop cited; DA GO 47, 1950)

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25th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, in saltire a lightning flash or and a wing elevated and displayed argent.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, and issuing from behind a representation of "Diamond Head" sable a winged oriental demi-dragon rampant with wings addorsed or armed and garnished gules langued and spined vert bearing on the sinister wing a mullet of five points of the like.

Motto: *Lele Makou No Na Puali* (We Fly for the Troops).

Symbolism: Teal blue and yellow were formerly used for aviation units. The eagle's wing over the lightning flash represents the aviation surveillance and direction over the penetration, speed, and firepower of the 25th Infantry Division. "Diamond Head" is emblematic of Oahu, Hawaii, the unit's home and place of activation. The red and gold dragon alludes to the Republic of Vietnam where the organization participated in twelve campaigns receiving seven decorations represented by the star. "Diamond Head" also simulates a delta, a star traditionally identifies a capital city; together they refer to the Saigon and delta areas in Vietnam and the organization's two Valorous Unit Awards. The red delineation and claws represent the two Meritorious Unit Commendations awarded the unit. The colors gold and red denote the awards of the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the red and green represent the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (25th Infantry Division)

Constituted 1 February 1957 in the Regular Army as the 25th Aviation Company, assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, and activated in Hawaii. Reorganized and redesignated 12 August 1963 as Headquarters

and Headquarters Company, 25th Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 21 June 1963 and activated 12 August 1963).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II
- Counteroffensive, Phase III
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- Summer–Fall 1969
- Winter–Spring 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase VII

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered HO BO WOODS (25th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered TAY NINH–HAU NGHIA (25th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (25th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 66, 1968, as amended by DA GO 42, 1969, and DA GO 43, 1969)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968 (25th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 36, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1968 (25th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968–1970 (25th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 5, 1973)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1970 (25th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 51, 1971)

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26TH AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Argent, on a fess wavy azure between in chief four caltrops fesswise sable and in base a powder horn of the like, a bezant.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Florida Army National Guard, placed on center, and on dexter and sinister underneath, in the order in which the states were admitted to the Union:

Connecticut: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a grape vine supported and fructed proper.

Massachusetts: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a dexter arm embowed, clothed blue and ruffed white, proper the hand grasping a broad sword argent the pommel and hilt or.

Florida: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, an alligator statant proper.

Motto: Faith, Flight, Fidelity.

Symbolism: The wavy blue band, symbolizing water, and the yellow disc, taken from the shoulder sleeve insignia of the New England defense sector, allude to the battalion's mission in the early part of World War II. The four caltrops, an ancient weapon, allude to the four battle honors received for service in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe. The caltrops, simulating aircraft, further allude to the organization's present designation as an aviation battalion. The powder horn, taken from the arms of the 181st Infantry, refers to the organization of which it was an element in World War II.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a caltrop surmounted by a black powder horn above an entwining three-segmented blue scroll, the top two inscribed "Faith" and "Flight," the bottom segment inscribed "Fidelity" in silver letters.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

ARNG
LINEAGE (26th Infantry Division)

Organized and federally recognized 21 February 1922 in the Massachusetts National Guard at Framingham as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 104th Infantry. Redesignated 1 April 1923 as Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 181st Infantry, an element of the 26th Division (later redesignated as the 26th Infantry Division). Disbanded 6 February 1934 at Framingham. Reorganized and federally recognized 8 March 1934 at Fitchburg. Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1940 as Headquarters Detachment, 2d Battalion, 181st Infantry. Inducted into federal service 16 January 1941 at Fitchburg. Reorganized and redesignated 6 July 1942 as Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 181st Infantry. Inactivated 8 February 1944 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Consolidated 8 July 1946 with Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 328th Infantry (*see* ANNEX), and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 181st Infantry. Reorganized and federally recognized 16 April 1947 at Fitchburg.

Converted and redesignated 1 May 1959 as Headquarters Company, 226th Transportation Battalion, an element of the 26th Infantry Division. Converted and redesignated 1 March 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 26th Aviation Battalion, and remained assigned to the 26th Infantry Division (organic elements concurrently organized from existing units). (Company A allotted 16 December 1967 to the Connecticut Army National Guard; location of Headquarters changed 1 January 1974 to Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts; Companies C and D allotted 1 September 1978 to the Florida Army National Guard; Company A redesignated 30 September 1978 as Company B and Company A allotted to the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Army National Guard.)

ANNEX

Organized in January 1922 in the Organized Reserves in Florida as Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 328th Infantry, an element of the 82d Division. Inactivated 13 February 1942 and relieved from assignment to the 82d Division. Activated 12 February 1943 in the Army of the United States at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, as an element of the 26th Infantry Division. Inactivated 29 December 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts, and relieved from assignment to the 26th Infantry Division.

Home Area: Massachusetts (less elements in Connecticut, Florida, and New Hampshire)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Company A (Otis Air Force Base) additionally entitled to the following:

Civil War
Manassas
Antietam
Fredericksburg
Wilderness
Spotsylvania
Cold Harbor
Petersburg
North Carolina 1862
Tennessee 1863

War with Spain
Puerto Rico

World War I
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Lorraine 1918

Company E (Otis Air Force Base) additionally entitled to the following:

War with Spain
Puerto Rico

World War I
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Lorraine 1918

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered LUXEMBOURG (2d Battalion, 328th Infantry, cited; WD GO 47, 1947)

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28th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per fess azure and or, in chief a demi-pegasus rampant of the second and in base an arch gules.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina Army National Guard placed on center, and on dexter and sinister underneath, in the order in which the states were admitted to the Union:

Pennsylvania: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, a lion rampant guardant proper holding in dexter paw a naked scimitar argent hilted or and in sinister an escutcheon argent on a fess sable three plates.

Virginia: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, "Virtus the genius of the Commonwealth dressed as an Amazon, resting on a spear with one hand and holding a sword in the other; and treading on Tyranny, represented by a man prostrate, a crown falling from his head, a broken chain in his left hand and a scourge in his right" all proper.

North Carolina: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, a hornet's nest hanging from a bough beset with thirteen hornets all proper.

Motto: Winged Support.

Symbolism: The demi-pegasus alludes to and commemorates the badge of the former 28th Division Aviation. The arch symbolizes aerial protective surveillance, and the keystone in the arch refers to Pennsylvania, the home state.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

ARNG
(28th Infantry Division)

Constituted 1 June 1959 in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as the 28th Aviation Company and assigned to the 28th Infantry Division; concurrently, organized and federally recognized at New Cumberland. Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 28th Aviation Battalion, and remained assigned to

the 28th Infantry Division (organic elements concurrently organized from existing units). (Company A allotted 1 February 1968 to the Virginia Army National Guard; Company A reallotted 1 April 1975 to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and location of Headquarters concurrently changed to Harrisburg; Companies C and D allotted 1 September 1978 to the Virginia and North Carolina Army National Guard, respectively.)

Home Area: Pennsylvania (less elements in North Carolina and Virginia)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company A (Harrisburg) entitled to the following:

War with Spain
- Puerto Rico

World War I
- Champagne-Marne
- Aisne-Marne
- Oise-Aisne
- Ypres-Lys
- Meuse-Argonne
- Champagne 1918
- Lorraine 1918

World War II
- Northern France

Company B (Reading) entitled to the following:

War with Spain
- Puerto Rico

World War I
- Champagne-Marne
- Aisne-Marne
- Oise-Aisne
- Meuse-Argonne
- Champagne 1918
- Lorraine 1918

World War II–EAME
- Naples-Foggia (with arrowhead)
- Tunisia
- Rome-Arno
- Rhineland

Korean War
- UN Summer-Fall Offensive
- Second Korean Winter

Company C (Sandston, Virginia) entitled to the following:

Civil War (Confederate Service)
- First Manassas
- Peninsula
- Sharpsburg
- Fredericksburg
- Chancellorsville
- Gettysburg
- Wilderness
- Spotsylvania
- Cold Harbor
- Petersburg
- Shenandoah
- Appomattox
- Virginia 1861
- Virginia 1862
- Virginia 1863
- Virginia 1864
- Maryland 1862
- Maryland 1863
- Pennsylvania 1863

World War II–EAME
- Normandy (with arrowhead)
- Northern France
- Rhineland
- Central Europe

Company D (Morrisville, North Carolina) entitled to the following:

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

DECORATIONS

Company B (Reading) entitled to Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered DEFENSE OF KOREA (213th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion cited; DA GO 51, 1957)

Company D (Morrisville, North Carolina) entitled to Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered UNITED STATES and UNITED KINGDOM (Service Company, 120th Infantry, cited; GO 129, 30th Infantry Division, 1945)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE (Service Company, 120th Infantry, cited; GO 129, 30th Infantry Division, 1945)

Belgian Fourragere 1940 (120th Infantry cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in BELGIUM (120th Infantry cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the ARDENNES (120th Infantry cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

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No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 31st AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a light blue disc surmounted by a white square with corners outside the disc and each side indented at center by a single nebuly; and centered on the square a scarlet saltire couped and its upper arms surmounted by a pair of silver wings displayed and conjoined and overall at center a yellow six-pointed star with two points up; in base, draped from the corners of the square a silver scroll inscribed in scarlet letters with the words "Where Eagles Dare."

Symbolism: The silver wings are symbolic of the unit's mission. The blue disc and white nebuly areas allude to the sky and clouds. The red saltire on white, suggested by the state flag of Alabama, and the star refer to Montgomery, Alabama, the unit's headquarters.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

ARNG
(Alabama)

Organized and federally recognized 16 March 1953 in the Alabama Army National Guard at Montgomery as Headquarters Battery, 104th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (NGUS). Reorganized and redesignated 15 June 1954 as Headquarters Battery, 104th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Converted and redesignated 2 May 1959 as Headquarters Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 203d Artillery, an element of the 31st Infantry Division.

Converted and redesignated 15 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 31st Aviation Battalion, and remained assigned to the 31st Infantry Division (Company A allotted 1 May 1963 to the Mississippi Army National Guard; Company B reorganized and redesignated 15 April 1963 from the 31st Aviation Company [Alabama part] at Montgomery). Battalion (less Company A) ordered into active federal service 11 June 1963 at Montgomery; released 23 June 1963 from active federal

service and reverted to state control; ordered into active federal service 10 September 1963 at Montgomery; released 12 September 1963 from active federal service and reverted to state control. Battalion broken up 15 January–15 February 1968 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment on 15 January 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 31st Aviation Battalion, and relieved from assignment to the 31st Infantry Division; (Company A on 15 February 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 131st Aviation Battalion; Company B on 15 January 1968 as the 133d Medical Company — hereafter separate lineages). Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 31st Aviation Battalion, reorganized and redesignated 20 October 1978 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 31st Aviation Battalion.

Home Station: Montgomery

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

31ST AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

38th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per pale argent and azure, wings erect conjoined below a saltire within an annulet all counterchanged.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas, and Michigan Army National Guard placed from dexter to sinister, two above and two underneath, in the order in which the states were admitted to the Union:

Indiana: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a demi-lion rampant argent, holding in dexter paw a laurel branch vert.

Missouri: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a grizzly bear rampant proper.

Arkansas: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, above two sprays of apple blossoms proper a diamond argent charged with four mullets azure, one in upper point and three in lower, within a bordure of the last bearing twenty-five mullets of the second.

Michigan: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a griffin segreant or.

Motto: Eye of the Cyclone.

Symbolism: Teal blue and white were formerly used for aviation battalions. The wings symbolize flight operations. The annulet is used to allude to an eyelet, an "item" for securing, and a "place" for observing. The saltire cross stands for the state of Indiana which is called "The Crossroads of America." An "X" has long been used to make a definite location; in this connection the saltire also refers to the battalion's reconnaissance activities.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

ARNG
LINEAGE (38th Infantry Division)

Organized and federally recognized 1 February 1959 in the Indiana Army National Guard at Indianapolis as the 38th Aviation Company, an element of the 38th Infantry Division. Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 38th Aviation Battalion, and remained assigned to the 38th Infantry Division (organic elements concurrently reorganized from existing units). (Company A allotted 1 February 1968 to the Michigan Army National Guard; location of Headquarters changed 1 November 1971 to Shelbyville; Company C allotted 1 September 1978 to the Arkansas Army National Guard; Company A redesignated 30 September 1978 as Company B, Company D allotted to the Missouri Army National Guard, and Companies A and E allotted to the Indiana Army National Guard.)

Home Area: Indiana (less elements in Arkansas, Michigan, and Missouri)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company D (Warrensburg, Missouri) entitled to the following:

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

DECORATIONS

None.

38TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

40th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per saltire azure and tenné, in chief two broad arrows and in base two mullets fesswise, in the flanks a dexter and a sinister wing elevated, all argent.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the California, Colorado, and Arizona Army National Guard placed on center, and on dexter and sinister underneath, in the order in which the states were admitted to the Union:

California: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, the setting sun behind a grizzly bear passant on a grassy field all proper.

Colorado: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a fasces paleways proper with ribbon of red, white, and blue.

Arizona: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a giant cactus proper.

Motto: *Cura et Perfectio* (Accuracy and Perfection).

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors associated with aviation units. The two broad arrows denote the Southern Philippines and Luzon campaign assault landings, and the stars symbolize the Bismarck Archipelago and Leyte campaigns of World War II. The triangular shapes, suggested by the Philippine presidential flag, allude to the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation awarded to an element of the battalion for the above campaigns. The wings allude to the unit's mission.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia consists of elements of the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

ARNG

LINEAGE (40th Infantry Division)

Constituted 10 August 1978 in the California Army National Guard as the 40th Aviation Battalion and assigned to the 40th Infantry Division. Organized 1 September 1978 (less Companies B and D) from existing units with Headquarters at Stockton (Company B concurrently allotted to

the Arizona Army National Guard and Company D allotted to the Colorado Army National Guard).

Home Area: California (less elements in Arizona and Colorado)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Headquarters Company (Stockton) entitled to the following:

World War II–AP
Bismarck Archipelago
Leyte
Luzon (with arrowhead)
Southern Philippines (with arrowhead)

DECORATIONS

Headquarters Company (Stockton) entitled to Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (40th Infantry Division cited; DA GO 47, 1950)

40TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

42d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, on a pile in point argent a rainbow of gules, or and the first, and in base a pair of wings conjoined in leure of the second.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the New York and Kentucky Army National Guard placed from dexter to sinister in the order in which the states were admitted to the Union:
New York: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, the full rigged ship "Half Moon" all proper.
Kentucky: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, within a garland of trumpet vine clasped hands clothed at the wrists all proper.

Motto: Over the Rainbow.

Symbolism: The colors white and blue represent cloud and sky, and the silver wings allude to the function of flight. The wedge shape is suggestive of support, and the rainbow represents the 42d Infantry Division of which the battalion is a component.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia consists of elements of the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

ARNG

LINEAGE (42d Infantry Division)

Constituted 26 April 1954 in the New York Army National Guard as the Light Aviation Section, Headquarters Company, 42d Infantry Division. Organized and federally recognized 19 May 1954 at Amityville. Reorganized and redesignated 16 March 1959 as the 42d Aviation Company, an element of the 42d Infantry Division; location concurrently changed to Freeport. Location changed 15 July 1959 to Huntington Station. Reorganized and redesignated 15 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42d Aviation Battalion, and remained assigned to the 42d Infantry Division; location concurrently changed to Freeport (organic elements concurrently organized from existing units). Battalion ordered into active federal service 24 March 1970 at home stations; released 30

March 1970 from active federal service and reverted to state control. (Company C allotted 1 September 1978 to the Kentucky Army National Guard.)

Home Area: New York (less element in Kentucky)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company D (Albany) entitled to the following:

Civil War
Mississippi River

World War I
St. Mihiel
Ypres-Lys
Somme Offensive
Flanders 1918

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

World War II–AP
Eastern Mandates (with arrowhead)
Western Pacific
Ryukyus

DECORATIONS

Company D (Albany) entitled to Belgian Fourragere 1940 (801st Tank Destroyer Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at the SIEGFRIED LINE (80lst Tank Destroyer Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action on ELSENBORN CREST (801st Tank Destroyer Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

42D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

45th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, a pale or overall a winged banner stone argent bound fesswise with five cords tenné.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Oklahoma Army National Guard: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, an Indian's head with war bonnet all proper.

Motto: We Try Harder.

Symbolism: The "winged banner stone" was an Indian device used as the balance of a throwing stick, an apparatus used to hurl missiles through the air. It refers to both the aviation support function and the home area of the unit. Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors used for aviation units. The four points of the stone and the five cords refer to the battalion's numerical designation.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield, crest, and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE — ARNG (Oklahoma)

Constituted 27 April 1982 in the Oklahoma Army National Guard as the 45th Aviation Battalion. Organized and federally recognized 1 May 1982 at Sperry.

Home Station: Sperry

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

45TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

47th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per fess arched azure and gules, in chief a hawk's head erased argent and in base three piles reversed in point or, between flanches invected of the third.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota Army National Guard placed from dexter to sinister, two above and two underneath, in the order in which the states were admitted to the Union:

Illinois: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, upon a grassy field the blockhouse of old Fort Dearborn proper.

Iowa: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a hawk's head erased proper.

Wisconsin: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a badger couchant proper.

Minnesota: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a sheaf of wheat proper.

Motto: *Lyncei Agminis* (The Hawk-eyed Men of the Combat Troops).

Symbolism: The hawk is used to imply reconnaissance and alert watchfulness. The blue is for the sky and the flanches represent clouds. The arched per fess simulates a globe's curvature and alludes to the earth. The three piles are used to represent rays or beams of light thus alluding to communication (signal). The blue and white are used to refer to the infantry; red to the artillery and engineers; and yellow to the armor, alluding to the combat support furnished by the aviation battalion.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

ARNG

LINEAGE (47th Infantry Division)

Organized and federally recognized 30 January 1919 in the Minnesota National Guard at St. Paul as Company D, 6th Infantry. Redesignated 1 December 1923 as Company D, 206th Infantry, an element of the 34th Division. Converted and redesignated 1 July 1940 as Battery D,

216th Coast Artillery, and relieved from assignment to the 34th Division. Inducted into federal service 6 January 1941 at St. Paul. Reorganized and redesignated 10 September 1943 as Battery D, 774th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Inactivated 8 June 1944 at Camp Howze, Texas. Disbanded 26 June 1944. Reconstituted 25 August 1945 in the Minnesota National Guard as Battery D, 774th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Reorganized and federally recognized 26 November 1947 at St. Paul as Battery D, 256th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, an element of the 47th Infantry Division. Ordered into active federal service 16 January 1951 at St. Paul. (Battery D, 256th Antiaircraft Artillery Weapons Battalion [NGUS], organized and federally recognized 16 January 1953 at St. Paul.) Reorganized and redesignated 20 May 1953 as Battery D, 256th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Released 2 December 1954 from active federal service and reverted to state control; federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Battery D, 256th Antiaircraft Artillery (NGUS).

Converted and redesignated 22 February 1959 as the 47th Aviation Company, an element of the 47th Infantry Division. Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 47th Aviation Battalion, and remained assigned to the 47th Infantry Division (organic elements concurrently organized from new and existing units). (Company A allotted 1 February 1968 to the Illinois Army National Guard; redesignated 30 September 1978 as Company C and Companies A and E allotted to the Minnesota Army National Guard, Company B allotted to the Iowa Army National Guard, and Company D allotted to the Wisconsin Army National Guard.)

Home Area: Minnesota (less elements in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company D (Madison, Wisconsin) entitled to the following:

World War I
- Aisne-Marne
- Oise-Aisne
- Meuse-Argonne
- Alsace 1918
- Champagne 1918

World War II–AP
- Papua
- New Guinea
- Leyte
- Luzon

DECORATIONS

Company D (Madison, Wisconsin) entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PAPUA (Papuan Forces, U.S. Army, Southwest Pacific Area, cited; WD GO 21, 1943), French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, Streamer embroidered OISE-AISNE (127th Infantry cited; WD GO 11, 1924), and Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (128th Infantry cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

47TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 52d AVIATION BATTALION

(Flying Dragons)

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a pair of white wings pointing upwards in the center of which, between the two leading edges, is a golden sword also point upwards. Placed in the center of the sword blade is a red Florentine fleur-de-lis.

Symbolism: The wings represent aviation. The sword, a symbol of the Army, represents the contributions of the unit's predecessors. The red fleur-de-lis of Florence represents the World War II campaigns of the battalion in Italy.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (nondivisional)

Constituted 31 May 1940 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 204th Quartermaster Battalion. Activated 10 June 1942 at Compton, California. Redesignated 1 July 1942 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 204th Quartermaster Gas Supply Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 10 December 1943 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 204th Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile. Inactivated 13 October 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

Converted and redesignated 1 August 1946 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 204th Transportation Corps Truck Battalion, and activated at Fort Benning, Georgia. Redesignated 20 May 1947 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 204th Transportation Truck Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 16 May 1949 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52d Transportation Truck Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1954 as Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, 52d Transportation Battalion. Inactivated 10 May 1955 in Japan.

Redesignated 13 October 1955 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Transportation Battalion. Activated 7 November 1955 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Converted and redesignated 22 December 1962 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52d Aviation Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 25 January 1965 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Aviation Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 25 November 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52d Aviation Battalion.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
- Naples-Foggia
- Rome-Arno
- North Apennines
- Po Valley

Korean War
- UN Offensive
- CCF Intervention
- First UN Counteroffensive
- CCF Spring Offensive
- UN Summer-Fall Offensive
- Second Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer–Fall 1952
- Third Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer 1953

Vietnam
- Advisory
- Defense
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II
- Counteroffensive, Phase III
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- Summer–Fall 1969
- Winter–Spring 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- Consolidation I
- Consolidation II
- Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DAK TO DISTRICT (52d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 38, 1971)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered PLEI ME (52d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 20, 1967)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered DUC CO (52d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 40, 1967)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER (204th Quartermaster Battalion cited; DA GO 39, Fifth Army, 1945)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered KOREA (52d Transportation Truck Battalion cited; DA GO 68, 1953)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA (52d Transportation Battalion cited; DA GO 83, 1954)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1963–1966 (52d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 46, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 22, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 52d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 43, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (52d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 11, 1973)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (52d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 5, 1973)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971 (52d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 32, 1973)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 53d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a blue disc bearing diagonally across the disc a gold winged and belled falcon's leg, the wing extending above the rim and the claws grapsing a black horizontal rectangle at base of disc; all above and inclosed at the sides by a circular gold scroll inscribed "Support Everywhere" in black letters.

Symbolism: The battalion's capability for speed, accuracy, and expert maneuvering in the performance of its assignments is depicted by the winged falcon's leg in front of the expanse of blue sky. The bell pertains to the planning and control provided by the unit. The black rectangle alludes to cargo and the transportation mission of the battalion.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 25 August 1966 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 53d Aviation Battalion, and activated at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Inactivated 2 April 1972 at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

53D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 55th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a broad arrow (a form of arrowhead) point to base and stem partially split vertically wedge-wise, below two single wings, the ulnas resting on the lower edges of the broad arrow and the feathers raised and turned inward, the tips of the top feather of each wing touching and the blue area within the device is formed by the broad arrow and the wings. Upon a blue scroll encircling the base the inscription "Wings of Victory" in silver letters.

Symbolism: The wings and broad arrow are symbols of flight; the broad arrow also alludes to aggressiveness and readiness. The stem has been partially split so that the broad arrow simulates two "V's" (5's) and refers to the unit's numerical designation "55." The "V's" also allude to victory.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGES AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 23 September 1966 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 55th Aviation Battalion. Activated 25 October 1966 at Fort Hood, Texas. Inactivated 18 July 1972 at Fort Hood, Texas.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

55TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 58th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a blue globe with grid lines surmounted by a sunburst over the upper area consisting of a disc emitting five rays to the top all in front of a pair of wings conjoined and with tips upwards supporting the rays at the peak, all above a blue curved scroll in base inscribed "Safe, Orderly, Expeditious," in gold letters.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors used for aviation units. The wings emanating and rising above the earth (globe) indicate the unit's readiness to provide effective administrative and technical supervision in fulfilling its mission. The sun, a symbol of command and control, refers to the tactical and logistical support capabilities of the unit. The grid lines of the globe connote the air traffic control and navigation signal coverage. The rays of the sunburst and the discs of the sun and globe, simulating the numeral "8," allude to the numerical designation of the unit.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 22 January 1968 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 58th Aviation Battalion. Activated 1 March 1968 in Vietnam. Inactivated 17 February 1969 in Vietnam.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI

DECORATIONS

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968 (58th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

58TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

63d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

AR

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 31 March 1959 in the Army Reserve as the 63d Aviation Company and assigned to the 63d Infantry Division. Activated 1 May 1959 at Long Beach, California. Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 63d Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 27 March 1963; Company B activated 1 April 1963). Battalion inactivated 31 December 1965 at Long Beach, California.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

63D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

77th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, the tiara arraswise of the Statue of Liberty argent enfiled with a quarrel palewise of the like, the point pierced of the field.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army Reserve: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, the Lexington Minute Man proper. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker (H. H. Kitson, sculptor), stands on the Common in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Motto: Liberty's Wings.

Symbolism: Blue and white represent sky and clouds; these colors allude to the infantry origin of the unit. The tiara symbolizes the unit's home area. The seven rays suggest the numerical designations of the 77th Aviation Battalion and the 77th Infantry Division. The quarrel is symbolic of armed flight, and the pierced aperture signifies observation.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia consists of elements of the shield and the motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

AR

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 7 April 1959 in the Army Reserve as the 77th Aviation Company and assigned to the 77th Infantry Division. Activated 1 May 1959 at New York, New York. Reorganized and redesignated 26 March 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 77th Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 25 March 1963; Company B activated 26 March 1963). Battalion inactivated 30 December 1965 at New York, New York.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

77TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

81st AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Gules, a fess nebuly argent surmounted by a pile in point azure bearing a winged arrow barb to chief of the second.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army Reserve: On a wreath of the colors, argent and gules, the Lexington Minute Man proper. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker (H. H. Kitson, sculptor), stands on the Common in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Motto: Complete the Mission.

Symbolism: The red and white background of the shield refers to Georgia, where the battalion was activated, and its home area. The nebuly division line represents clouds; the blue color stands for the sky. The winged arrow refers to the nature and mission of the unit and to its fighting spirit.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE — AR (inactive)

Constituted 10 September 1958 in the Army Reserve as the 81st Aviation Company and assigned to the 81st Infantry Division. Activated 15 September 1958 at Atlanta, Georgia. Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 81st Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 26 March 1963; Company B activated 1 April 1963). Battalion inactivated 31 December 1965 at Atlanta, Georgia.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

81ST AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

82d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Checky azure and argent, a chess knight in profile sable between two wings displayed inverted or.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: Ground Air Mobility.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors associated with aviation units. The checky field represents a chess board, symbolic of the battlefield, and refers to the strategy of war. The knight, considered the most versatile piece to guard and aid the queen, placed between wings, symbolizes the mission of the unit.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (82d Airborne Division)

Constituted 1 September 1957 in the Regular Army as the 82d Aviation Company, assigned to the 82d Airborne Division, and activated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Reorganized and redesignated 7 December 1962 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82d Aviation Battalion (organic companies concurrently constituted and activated).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company A entitled to the following:

Vietnam
- Defense
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II

DECORATIONS

Company A entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DONG XOAI (Company A, 82d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 43, 1966), and Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1966 (Company A, 82d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

82D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

Barry, Robert F. *Power Pack: Dominican Republic, 1965–1966.* Portsmouth, Va: Messenger Printing Co., 1966.

83d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Gyronny argent and azure, on a bend sable of gyroscope of the first.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army Reserve: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, the Lexington Minute Man proper. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker (H. H. Kitson, sculptor), stands on the Common in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Motto: On the Move.

Symbolism: Teal blue and white are the colors formerly used for aviation battalions. The gyroscope, an instrument widely used to stabilize and maintain the equilibrium of aircraft, is used symbolically to allude to firmness and uniformity of purpose and reflects the battalion's support functions of reconnaissance and surveillance. The diagonal band simulates a runway and the radiating background the whirling blades of a propeller.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

AR

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 19 March 1959 in the Army Reserve as the 83d Aviation Company and assigned to the 83d Infantry Division. Activated 20 March 1959 at Akron, Ohio. Reorganized and redesignated 15 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 83d Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 9 April 1963; Company B activated 15 April 1963). Battalion inactivated 31 December 1965 at Akron, Ohio.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

83D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

90th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

AR

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 16 December 1958 in the Army Reserve as the 90th Aviation Company and assigned to the 90th Infantry Division. Activated 5 January 1959 at Austin, Texas. Redesignated 15 March 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 90th Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 15 March 1963; Company B activated 15 March 1963). Battalion inactivated 31 December 1965 at Austin, Texas.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

90TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

101st AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, a pile lozengy at the point argent, in chief a mullet of eight rays per fess wavy gules and of the first.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, between two triangles sable a horse's head argent.

Motto: Wings of the Eagle.

Symbolism: Teal blue and white are the colors formerly used by aviation units. Participation by the battalion's predecessor (4th Aviation Section) in the actions at Whitehorse Mountain, Triangle Hill, and Sniper Ridge in Korea is denoted by the three corners of the wedge shape in the center. The projection at its base represents the Kumsong Salient action. The aviation section is credited with eight campaigns in Korea, and these are cited by the estoile (with eight rays) in the colors of the Korean taeguk, further symbolizing award of the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. The crest is symbolic of the action at Whitehorse Mountain, Triangle Hill, and Sniper Ridge.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver and black eagle with wings elevated; between the wings a three segmented red scroll inscribed "Wings" at the top, "of the" in the middle, and "Eagle" on the lower scroll in silver letters.

Symbolism: The eagle in flight represents aviation. It also alludes to the 101st Airborne Division, to which the battalion is assigned.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (101st Airborne Division)

Constituted 7 December 1950 in the Regular Army as the 4th Light Aviation Section. Activated 19 December 1950 in Korea. Inactivated 5 November 1954 in Korea. Redesignated 1 July 1956 as the 101st Aviation Company, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Reorganized and redesignated 3 December 1962 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 15 November 1962 and activated 3 December 1962).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Korean War
- CCF Intervention
- First UN Counteroffensive
- CCF Spring Offensive
- UN Summer-Fall Offensive
- Second Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer–Fall 1952
- Third Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer 1953

Vietnam
- Counteroffensive, Phase III
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- Summer–Fall 1969
- Winter–Spring 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- Consolidation I
- Consolidation II

Company A additionally entitled to the following:

Vietnam
- Defense
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered THUA THIEN PROVINCE (101st Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 50, 1971)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered TCHEPONE (101st Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 5, 1973)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA (4th Light Aviation Section cited; DA GO 89, 1953)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968–1969 (101st Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971 (101st Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 6, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (101st Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 11, 1973)

Company A additionally entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DONG XOAI (Company A, 101st Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 43, 1966) and Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered CHOUNG THIEN PROVINCE (Company A, 101st Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 45, 1969)

Companies C and D each additionally entitled to Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Companies C and D, 101st Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

101ST AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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102d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

AR

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 11 May 1959 in the Army Reserve as the 102d Aviation Company and assigned to the 102d Infantry Division. Activated 1 June 1959 at Kansas City, Missouri. Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 102d Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 26 March 1963; Company B activated 1 April 1963). Battalion inactivated 31 December 1965 at Kansas City, Missouri.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

102D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

123d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Gules, on a chevron engrailed or a chevron azure, on a chief of the second two wings conjoined of the third.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: None approved.

Symbolism: The color blue represents aviation units. Red and yellow, the colors of the flag of the Republic of Vietnam, refer to Vietnam and to the organization's place of activation and area of service. The blue wings, together with the blue chevron, symbolize aerial support, and the yellow engrailed chevron refers to the broad support band of variegated activities within the scope of the organization.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia consists of elements of the shield of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 8 December 1967 in the Regular Army as the 123d Aviation Battalion, assigned to the 23d Infantry Division, and activated in Vietnam. Inactivated 7 November 1971 in Vietnam and relieved from assignment to the 23d Infantry Division.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I

DECORATIONS

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (123d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM FEB–MAR 1971 (123d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM APR–JUN 1971 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 123d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Company B additionally entitled to Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968–1969 (Company B, 123d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 2, 1971)

123D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 130th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a Talbot with wings; a wing charged with a cross patty per pale of two colors; red to dexter half and green to sinister half. The device is supported by a tri-segmented blue scroll inscribed "Wings" "Of" "Agility" in silver letters.

Symbolism: Blue is a color used for aviation units. The Talbot at point and winged refers to the unit's disciplined readiness. The cross patty, red and green, in the colors of the city of Rome, allude to the campaigns in which the organization participated during World War II in Italy.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

ARNG

LINEAGE (Tennessee)

Organized and federally recognized 9 June 1924 in the Tennessee National Guard at Nashville as the 225th Motor Transport Company. Redesignated 9 January 1928 as the 120th Motor Transport Company, an element of the 30th Division. Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1936 as Company B, 105th Quartermaster Regiment, an element of the 30th Division. Redesignated 1 July 1936 as Company E, 105th Quartermaster Regiment. Inducted into federal service 16 September 1940 at Nashville. Reorganized and redesignated 16 February 1942 as the 181st Quartermaster Company and relieved from assignment to the 30th Division. Reorganized and redesignated in August 1943 as the 181st Quartermaster Depot Company. Inactivated 10 June 1946 at Leghorn, Italy.

Reorganized and federally recognized 18 November 1948 at Nashville as Company D, 105th Medical Battalion, an element of the 30th Infantry Division. Redesignated 1 February 1949 as the Clearing Company, 105th Medical Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 27 October 1954 as Company A, 230th Armored Medical Battalion, an element of the 30th Armored Division.

Converted and redesignated 1 March 1959 as the 130th Aviation Company, an element of the 30th Armored Division. Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 130th Aviation Battalion, and remained assigned to the 30th Armored Division (organic elements concurrently organized from existing units). Battalion broken up 1 February 1968 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 130th Aviation Battalion, and relieved from assignment to the 30th Armored Division (federal recognition withdrawn from Company A; Company B as the 331st Aviation Company — hereafter separate lineages). Location changed 1 September 1970 to Smyrna. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 130th Aviation Battalion, reorganized and redesignated 1 November 1971 as the Aviation Company, 30th Armored Division. Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1973 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 130th Aviation Battalion, and relieved from assignment to the 30th Armored Division. Redesignated 20 October 1978 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 130th Aviation Battalion.

Home Station: Smyrna

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno

DECORATIONS

None.

130TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 131st AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a blue cloud formation of three lobes, surmounted by a white magnolia blossom with yellow center and green leaves, in base a pair of silver wings displayed, all above a semicircular blue scroll inscribed "Above Valor and Courage" in silver letters.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue is a color for aviation units. The magnolia blossom symbolizes Jackson, Mississippi, the home station of the unit; the magnolia blossom also alludes to Louis Le Fleur whose trading post at Le Fleur Bluff was located where Jackson, Mississippi, now stands. The wings displayed refer to the unit's association with transport aviation companies.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

ARNG
(Mississippi)

Organized and federally recognized 26 February 1947 in the Mississippi Army National Guard at Jackson as the 31st Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, an element of the 31st Infantry Division. Redesignated 1 December 1948 as the 31st Reconnaissance Company. Ordered into active federal service 16 January 1951 at Jackson. (31st Reconnaissance Company [NGUS] organized and federally recognized 9 February 1953 at Jackson.) Released 15 June 1954 from active federal service and reverted to state control; federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 31st Reconnaissance Company (NGUS).

Converted and redesignated 1 May 1959 as the 31st Aviation Company (Mississippi part) and remained assigned to the 31st Infantry Division. Ordered into active federal service 30 September 1962 at Jackson; released 5 October 1962 from active federal service and reverted to state control. Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1963 as Company A, 31st Aviation Battalion, an element of the 31st Infantry Division.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 131st Aviation Battalion, and relieved from assignment to the 31st Infantry Division. Redesignated 20 October 1978 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 131st Aviation Battalion.

Home Station: Jackson

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

131ST AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 145th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a pheon (heraldic arrowhead) point downward, surmounted on the neck by a blue arrow, and with a blue background at top and center.

Symbolism: The basis of the design revolves around the number 145. The blue arrow represents the number 1 (one); the blue arrow and the pheon together represent the number 4 (Roman numeral IV); and the pheon alone represents the number 5 (Roman numeral V). The pheon and the arrow also represent swiftness and sureness in flight of aircraft; the blue at top and center symbolizes the sky.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 28 August 1963 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 145th Aviation Battalion. Activated 24 September 1963 in Vietnam. Reorganized and redesignated 25 January 1965 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 145th Aviation Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 145th Aviation Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 16 July 1981 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 145th Aviation Battalion. Inactivated 30 September 1982 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

- Advisory
- Defense
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II
- Counteroffensive, Phase III
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- Summer–Fall 1969
- Winter–Spring 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- Consolidation I
- Consolidation II
- Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DONG XOAI (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 145th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 43, 1965)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered SUOI TRE (145th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1964 (145th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 46, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1964–1965 (145th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 46, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 145th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 22, 1968, as amended by DA GO 21, 1969, and DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (145th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969, and DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 145th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 145th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974, and DA GO 54, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 145th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 55, 1971)

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149th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Or and in base a front elevation of the Alamo in silhouette throughout azure charged with an annulet enclosing a mullet argent; in chief a pair of wings conjoined of the second above two lightning flashes, that to dexter bendwise and that to sinister bend-sinisterwise gules.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Texas, Oklahoma, and Arizona Army National Guard placed on center, and on dexter and sinister underneath, in the order in which the states were admitted to the Union:
Texas: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, a mullet argent encircled by a garland of live oak and olive proper.
Oklahoma: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, an Indian's head with war bonnet all proper.
Arizona: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, a giant cactus proper.

Motto: Contact.

Symbolism: Blue is for the sky, the element of aviation, and golden yellow is symbolic of zeal, wisdom, and achievement. The wings and flashes denote the basic aviation mission of the unit with the color scarlet alluding to the Red River, a stream common to both Texas and Oklahoma. The star refers to Texas, the unit's headquarters state, and the annulet, representing unity and strength, also alludes to the state of Oklahoma from which the organization receives part of its strength. The Alamo silhouette signifies the determination to defend state and country.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of three yellow rays on a light blue background radiating from behind a gray silhouette representation of the Alamo charged with a white star on the upper center and surmounted at the base by two blue conjoined wings, each charged with a gold lightning flash and all beneath a red scroll, the ends terminating at the tops of the wings inscribed "Contact" in gold letters.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

ARNG
(49th Armored Division)

LINEAGE

Constituted 25 September 1978 in the Texas Army National Guard as the 149th Aviation Battalion and assigned to the 49th Armored Division. Organized 30 September 1978 (less Companies B and D) from new and existing units with Headquarters at Austin (Company B concurrently allotted to the Oklahoma Army National Guard and Company D allotted to the Oklahoma and Arizona Army National Guard). (Company D allotted 1 May 1982 to the Arizona Army National Guard.)

Home Area: Texas (less elements in Arizona and Oklahoma)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company A (San Antonio) entitled to the following:

World War II—EAME
- Naples-Foggia (with arrowhead)
- Anzio
- Rome-Arno
- Southern France (with arrowhead)
- Rhineland
- Ardennes-Alsace
- Central Europe

Company B (Lexington, Oklahoma) entitled to the following:

World War II—EAME
- Sicily (with arrowhead)
- Naples-Foggia (with arrowhead)
- Anzio
- Rome-Arno
- Southern France (with arrowhead)
- Northern France
- Rhineland
- Ardennes-Alsace
- Central Europe

Korean War
- Second Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer—Fall 1952
- Third Korean Winter
- Korea, Summer 1953

DECORATIONS

Company A (San Antonio) entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered RIVIERA (1st Battalion, 141st Infantry, cited; WD GO 7, 1947), and French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered VOSGES (141st Infantry cited; DA GO 43, 1950)

Company B (Lexington, Oklahoma) entitled to Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered KOREA (120th Engineer Battalion cited; DA GO 22, 1954), French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered ACQUAFONDATA (120th Engineer Battalion and 179th Infantry cited; DA GO 43, 1950), and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA (120th Engineer Battalion and 179th Infantry cited; DA GO 43, 1954)

149TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

150th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, on a pile reversed embattled argent a spearhead between two wings elevated tenné.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, and Vermont Army National Guard placed from dexter to sinister, two above and two underneath, in the order in which the states were admitted to the Union:

Delaware: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a griffin's head erased azure eared and beaked or langued gules collared sable fimbriated argent and thereon three plates.

New Jersey: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a lion's head erased or collared four fusils gules.

Maryland: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a cross bottony per cross quarterly gules and argent.

Vermont: On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, a buck's head erased within a garland of pine branches all proper.

Motto: Our Guard is Up.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors traditionally associated with aviation units. The wings refer to the basic mission of the battalion. The triangular shape is embattled, which is symbolic of defense, and the spearhead alludes to the unit's offensive capability. Blue and white are symbolic of sky and clouds.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

ARNG
(50th Armored Division)

Constituted 30 August 1978 in the New Jersey Army National Guard as the 150th Aviation Battalion and assigned to the 50th Armored Division. Organized 1 September 1978 (less Companies A, B, and D) from new and existing units with Headquarters at West Trenton (Company A concurrently allotted to the Vermont Army National Guard). (Company B

allotted 30 September 1978 to the Delaware Army National Guard and Company D allotted to the Maryland Army National Guard.)

Home Area: New Jersey (less elements in Delaware, Maryland, and Vermont)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company E (Trenton) entitled to the following:

World War II–EAME
Northern France
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

DECORATIONS

Company E (Trenton) entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered SCHALBACH (2d Battalion, 114th Infantry, cited; WD GO 27, 1945)

150TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

158th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, a base indented or, on the first a lightning flash point to base of the last and a winged sword consisting of a blade point to chief argent, hilt of the second and for quillons a pair of wings conjoined displayed inverted of the third, all saltirewise.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, a quiver of three arrows of the first, flighted gules in front of a circlet of stylized rice stalks gold.

Motto: Challenge.

Symbolism: The sword and wings represent the effective power of the battalion's aerial weapons and organic fire support. The quillons (cross guard) composed of wings refer to the unit's basic aviation mission and also allude to its assignment to the 101st Airborne Division. The lightning flash indicates the speed and shock effect of air assault operations, and the peaks refer to the mountainous area of Fort Carson, Colorado, where the unit was activated. The sword blade, five-segmented hilt, and cross guard with eight primary feathers allude to the numerical designation of the battalion.

The circlet of rice stalks and the colors yellow and red from the flag of the Republic of Vietnam allude to the unit's service there. The arrows refer to decorations awarded the battalion in Vietnam, and the quiver is also symbolic of the basic mission of the unit in moving combat troops and weaponry.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (101st Airborne Division)

Constituted 25 July 1968 in the Regular Army as the 158th Aviation Battalion, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, and activated (less Company C) at Fort Carson, Colorado (Company C concurrently activated at Fort Riley, Kansas).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered HO CHI MINH TRAIL (158th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 13, 1974)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered THUA THIEN PROVINCE (158th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 50, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969 (158th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971 (158th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (158th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (158th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 11, 1973)

Company A additionally entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DONG AP BIA MOUNTAIN (Companies A and B, 158th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 16, 1972), and Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered THUA THIEN PROVINCE 1969 (Company A, 158th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 2, 1971)

Company B additionally entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DONG AP BIA MOUNTAIN (Companies A and B, 158th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 16, 1972)

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159th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Gyronny of eight or and azure, on a bend gules an oriental dragon of the first.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: Press On.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue is traditionally associated with aviation units. The gyronny background simulates the movement of rotating helicopter blades and refers to the mission of the battalion in its airlift capability. The contrasting colors further symbolize the continuous (day and night) operations during visual weather conditions. The red bend and the gold dragon refer to the organization's service in Vietnam.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (101st Airborne Division)

Constituted 1 July 1968 in the Regular Army as the 159th Aviation Battalion, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, and activated (less Company C) in Vietnam. (Company C activated 24 July 1968 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; inactivated 15 September 1980 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.)

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered THUA THIEN PROVINCE (159th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 50, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968–1969 (159th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1970)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971 (159th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968–1970 (159th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

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160th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, a winged centaur rampant argent holding upraised in his sinister hand a sword tenné, hilted of the second, in sinister chief an increscent or.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: Night Stalkers.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors for aviation units. The winged centaur suggests the armed helicopter. The increscent denotes day and night operations.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGES AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (101st Airborne Division)

Constituted 1 April 1982 in the Regular Army as the 160th Aviation Battalion, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

160TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 164th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of an arrow, point up, the shaft entwined by a pair of wings, conjoined and enfolded, tips to base, the upper half resting upon a blue keystone and all encircled in base by a blue scroll inscribed "Flight Support" in gold letters.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors for aviation units. The keystone alludes to the Keystone State (Pennsylvania), headquarters of the battalion. The wings wrapped around the arrow symbolize the close support and readiness in furtherance of the unit's basic mission.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGES AND HONORS

LINEAGE

AR
(inactive)

Constituted 24 November 1967 in the Army Reserve as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 164th Aviation Battalion, and assigned to the First United States Army. Activated 30 January 1968 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Location changed 30 July 1968 to Allison Park, Pennsylvania. Inactivated 15 March 1972 at Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

164TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 210th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of two gold crossed arrows, with arrowheads upward on a blue background topped with a nebula, all between two gold wings conjoined at base, below a blue scroll bearing the inscription "Battle Line The Sky" in gold letters.

Symbolism: The crossed arrows are used to symbolize the combat readiness of the battalion. The wings refer to the unit's ability to carry out its mission swiftly. The two wings with the two arrows placed like an "X" further distinguish the unit's numerical designation (210). The blue background represents the area of operations, the sky.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(nondivisional)

Constituted 1 February 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 210th Aviation Battalion, and activated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Inactivated 31 August 1971 in Vietnam. Redesignated 30 April 1973 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 210th Aviation Battalion, and activated at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I

DECORATIONS

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 210th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 22, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (210th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 210th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1971 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 210th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 210th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 55, 1971)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 212th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a blue annulet bearing the motto "Wings of Freedom" on its lower half in silver letters and pierced by an arrowhead point down with its shaft forming a torch with orange flames at top center of the annulet; supporting the annulet from below a pair of wings conjoined with their tips pointed up.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors used for aviation units. The annulet suggests a prescribed drop zone and the arrowhead piercing it symbolizes the placement of men and materiel within the zone. The flaming torch and wings refer to the unit's motto.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 1 February 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 212th Aviation Battalion. Activated 1 March 1967 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Inactivated 23 December 1971 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (212th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 212th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 212th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

212TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

214th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, and a chief dancetty celeste issuant from sinister base bendwise a cougar's head and shoulders or, fangs argent.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, or and azure, in front of a wreath of laurel tied in base with a ribbon of the first striped of five gules, a pair of dragon wings conjoined in leure of the like enclosing at center a cross patty gold.

Motto: Up Tight.

Symbolism: The cougar, noted for ferocity and cunning and a symbol of strength and mobility, refers to the battalion's mission of swift and decisive engagement of the enemy. In addition, the use of the cougar commemorates the battalion's first commander, Lieutenant Colonel Leslie, from the state of Montana where the cougar, also known as a mountain lion, is often encountered. The peaks formed by the zigzag lines allude to the unit's high standards as expressed in its motto. Light blue (celeste) represents the sky, ultramarine blue is traditionally associated with aviation units, and gold is for achievement and zeal. The dragon wings symbolize the unit's service in Vietnam, and scarlet signifies the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation. The wreath represents award of the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class. The ribbon tie and the cross patty indicate five awards of the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. The points of the wings refer to the unit's participation in thirteen campaigns during the Vietnam War.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (9th Infantry Division)

Constituted 1 February 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion, and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Inactivated 22 January 1973 at Fort Stewart,

Georgia. Redesignated 1 July 1981 as Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company, 214th Aviation Battalion, assigned to the 9th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Lewis, Washington (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 48, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (214th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 52, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 59, 1969)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 222d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of three pairs of silver wings, back to back, issuing in the shape of a spiral, from a central blue disc.

Symbolism: The wings in the shape of a spiral stand for both helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft. They refer to the two types of aircraft used by the battalion in performing its mission of tactical transport and logistical support. In addition, the three pairs of wings allude to the unit's numerical designation, "222." The blue disc, from which the wings issue, symbolizes the sky and the Pacific area where the battalion was activated.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (nondivisional)

Constituted 25 April 1966 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 222d Aviation Battalion. Activated 25 May 1966 in Vietnam.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 222d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 48, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 222d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 22, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (222d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 222d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 222d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974, and DA GO 54, 1974)

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 223d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a key with double bits each of one notch and the bow in the shape of a three-bladed propeller (ends of blades slightly rounded) one blade up, between two wings counterwise, the ulnas angled and squared and resting on the lower blades of the propeller-bow and the wing tips conjoined with and terminating at the upper edge of the bits, the areas between the wings and the key of blue.

Symbolism: The wings, with the ulnas squared in allusion to rotor blades, the key with the three-bladed propeller shaped bow, and the double bits which simulate the letter "C" refer to the unit's primary mission. The key in itself is symbolic of command and control. The two wings, the two or double bits of the key, and the three-bladed propeller also allude to the unit's numerical designation.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
(nondivisional)

LINEAGE

Constituted 15 May 1966 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 223d Aviation Battalion, and activated in Vietnam. Reorganized and redesignated 10 May 1969 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 223d Aviation Battalion.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II
Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered HO CHI MINH TRAIL (223d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 24, 1975)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 223d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 22, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (223d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 223d Aviation Battallion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (223d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 5, 1973; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 223d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (223d Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 24, 1972)

223D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

226th AERIAL SURVEILLANCE AND ESCORT BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 1 February 1963 in the Regular Army as the 226th Aerial Surveillance and Attack Battalion and assigned to the 11th Air Assault Division. Activated 18 July 1963 (less Companies A and B) at Fort Benning, Georgia (Companies A and B activated 11 February 1963 at Fort Benning, Georgia). Redesignated 27 January 1964 as the 226th Aerial Surveillance and Escort Battalion. Inactivated 30 June 1965 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

226TH AERIAL SURVEILLANCE AND ESCORT BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

227th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Or, a pale gules and in fess three pheons counterchanged, a chief nebuly azure.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: Pouvoir (Can Do).

Symbolism: The pheons, representing armament and ammunition, symbolize the assault mission of the battalion. The blue nebuly chief alludes to the sky and denotes the aviation function of the unit. The yellow and red suggest the firepower of the assault helicopter and the heat and explosiveness of the battle zone.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a hawk with wings displayed and elevated, perched upon the center of a draped scroll inscribed with the motto in black letters; behind the hawk a scarlet pheon point up, one blade passing in front of the hawk's sinister wing.

Symbolism: The hawk is symbolic of courage and aggressiveness in flight. The pheon represents the unit's armament and assault capability.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (1st Cavalry Division)

Constituted 1 February 1963 in the Regular Army as the 227th Assault Helicopter Battalion and assigned to the 11th Air Assault Division. Activated 11 February–18 July 1963 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1965 as the 227th Aviation Battalion; concurrently, relieved from assignment to the 11th Air Assault Division and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division. (Company D inactivated 30 August 1971 in Vietnam.) Headquarters and Headquarters Company reorganized and redesignated 19 November 1974 as the 227th Aviation Company (organic elements concurrently inactivated). 227th Aviation Company reorganized and redesignated 21 May 1978 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 227th Aviation Battalion (organic elements concurrently activated).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PLEIKU PROVINCE (227th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 40, 1967)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUANG TIN PROVINCE (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 227th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 39, 1970)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered BIEN HOA PROVINCE (227th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 39, 1970)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered FISH HOOK (227th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1972)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1966 (227th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1969 (227th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (227th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972, as amended by DA GO 11, 1973)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1971 (227th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (227th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Company A additionally entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BINH THUAN PROVINCE (Companies A and D, 227th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 2, 1973), and Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered FIRE SUPPORT BASE 6 (Company A, 227th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 5, 1973, as amended by DA GO 14, 1979)

Company D additionally entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BINH THUAN PROVINCE (Companies A and D, 227th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 2, 1973)

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228th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure, a pegasus rampant between four mullets argent.
Crest: None approved.
Motto: *Winged Warriors.*
Symbolism: The four stars indicate the unit's readiness for worldwide deployment. The pegasus is a symbol of the strength and stamina of the organization.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

RA
(inactive)

Constituted 1 February 1963 in the Regular Army as the 228th Assault Support Battalion and assigned to the 11th Air Assault Division. Activated 18 July 1963 (less Companies A and C) at Fort Benning, Georgia (Company A activated 11 February 1963 at Fort Benning, Georgia; Company C activated 1 May 1964 at Fort Benning, Georgia). Redesignated 6 March 1964 as the 228th Assault Helicopter Support Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1964 as the 228th Assault Support Helicopter Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1965 as the 228th Aviation Battalion; concurrently, relieved from assignment to the 11th Air Assault Division and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division. Inactivated 14 June 1971 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Defense
Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PLEIKU PROVINCE (228th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 40, 1967)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered FISH HOOK (228th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1972)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1966 (228th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (228th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 73, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1969 (228th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (228th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1971 (228th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (228th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Company A additionally entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BINH THUAN PROVINCE (Companies A and C, 228th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 2, 1973), and Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUANG TIN PROVINCE (Company A, 228th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 39, 1970)

Company C additionally entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BINH THUAN PROVINCE (Companies A and C, 228th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 2, 1973)

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229th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per bend tenné and azure, in bend a flash throughout between an arrowhead and a demivol conjoined and a sword per pale point up all argent.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, argent and tenné, a buckler or bearing three concentric bands gules, all in back of two fishhooks saltirewise of the first extending over the buckler, palewise an arrowhead azure with point downward extending over the center band and top points extending beyond the outer band.

Motto: Winged Assault.

Symbolism: The wing alludes to flight, the arrowhead symbolizes accuracy, the flash refers to swiftness, and the sword to combat. The blue arrowhead symbolizes the 229th Aviation Battalion's Presidential Unit Citations (Army). The fishhooks allude to the unit's Valorous Unit Award, streamer embroidered FISH HOOK. The buckler represents the defense and counteroffensive phases of the campaigns in Vietnam. The color red denotes the Meritorious Unit Commendation, and red and yellow (gold) the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, awarded to the organization four times.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGES AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (101st Airborne Division)

Constituted 18 March 1964 in the Regular Army as the 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion and assigned to the 11th Air Assault Division. Activated 19 March 1964 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1965 as the 229th Aviation Battalion; concurrently, relieved from assignment to the 11th Air Assault Division and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division. Inactivated 22 August 1972 at Fort Hood, Texas, and relieved from assignment to the 1st Cavalry Division. Assigned 21 September 1978 to the 101st Airborne Division and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

- Defense
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II
- Counteroffensive, Phase III
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- Summer–Fall 1969
- Winter–Spring 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- Consolidation I
- Consolidation II
- Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PLEIKU PROVINCE (229th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 40, 1967)

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BINH LONG PROVINCE (229th Aviation Battalion [less Company C], cited; DA GO 19, 1974, as amended by DA GO 18, 1979)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered FISH HOOK (229th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 43, 1972)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1966 (229th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1969 (229th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1969 (229th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1971 (229th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971–1972 (229th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 54, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (229th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Companies C and D each additionally entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BINH THUAN PROVINCE (Companies C and D, 229th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 2, 1973)

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230th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 1 April 1971 in the Regular Army as the 230th Aviation Battalion and activated at Fort Hood, Texas. Assigned 5 May 1971 to the 1st Cavalry Division. Inactivated 30 June 1971 at Fort Hood, Texas.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

230TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 267th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of two dexter wings, one pinion at top and the other in base, encircling a cross formed by a blue potent charged with three diminished silver potents and an orange counterpotent charged with three diminished counterpotents.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors for aviation units. The wings and cross simulate rotary wing aircraft, and their position is used to represent both the control and the evacuation aspects of the organization's mission. The colors allude to the unit's wide scope of operation and the small "T's" refer to the aviation transport companies under its command and supervision.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 25 July 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 267th Aviation Battalion. Activated 25 August 1967 at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Inactivated 31 January 1972 at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

267TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

268th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Quarterly tenné and azure on a bend between two mullets or three tri-blade propellers gules.

Motto: *Statim Nos Agimus* (We Do It Immediately.)

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors associated with aviation. The stars and propellers refer to leadership and to air operations. The colors red and yellow allude to the unit's Vietnam service. The propellers represent the awards of the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a triskelion, one branch up and charged with a verticle black lightning bolt, on a black background the wings resting on a continuous scroll with the inscription in black letters "Statim Nos Agimus," the "Nos" at top between the wings and the words "Statim Agimus" in base.

Symbolism: The silver triskelion simulates the rotor blades of a helicopter and with the wings refer to the mission of the unit. Silver and black allude to day and night operations. The lightning flash, a symbol of speed and urgency, refers to the "Do It Now" spirit of the unit, the literal translation of the motto "Statim Nos Agimus" being "We Do It Immediately."

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (9th Infantry Division)

Constituted 1 February 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 268th Aviation Battalion, and activated at Fort Hood, Texas. Inactivated 21 January 1972 at Fort Lewis, Washington. Assigned 1 September 1981 to the 9th Infantry Division and activated at Fort Lewis, Washington (organic companies concurrently constituted and activated).

Campaign Participation Credit

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII
Consolidation I
Consolidation II

Decorations

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (268th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 268th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

268th Aviation Battalion Bibliography

No published histories.

269th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of an equilateral triangle one angle up formed by three yellow bars with overlapping ends surmounted by a vertical crossbow-quarrel with a lightning flash radiating diagonally outwards and upwards from each side of the quarrel shaft immediately above the feathers and crossing the side bards of the equilateral triangle all on a blue cinquefoil shaped base.

Symbolism: The golden colored triangle represents a three runway complex on an airfield. The quarrel symbolizes aircraft using these runways, while the two flashes allude to an aviation battalion's capability to provide a ground control approach and aircraft communication and control facilities. The blue represents the sky. It is also associated with aviation units.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (nondivisional)

Constituted 7 April 1966 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 269th Aviation Battalion. Activated 1 July 1966 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 48, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 22, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (269th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968 (269th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968–1970 (269th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 5, 1973, and DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1970 (269th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 51, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 55, 1971)

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307th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a gray triangle with extended silver wings in front of a blue circle charged in upper portions with two silver lightning flashes, pierced above the wings on either side, all behind a black triangle with barbed points, surmounted by a silver cobra poised to strike, in base a silver scroll with blue backing looped over extreme ends of gray triangle, pierced in center and bearing the inscription "Search and Destroy" in black letters.

Symbolism: The cobra rising up over the black background represents the constant hovering strike capabilities of the battalion with emphasis on night operations. The barbed triangle represents the unit's three primary capabilities: reconnaissance, surveillance, and attack. The battalion was organized in 1967 from personnel of the provisional "Phantom Battalion" with three surveillance companies and one helicopter company. The gray delta shape (gray ghost) alludes to the "Phantom Battalion"; the silver wings represent the historical background of the unit's airplane companies; and the cobra refers to the armed helicopter company. The lightning flashes on the blue circle refer to the battalion's speed in communications and continuous alertness in carrying out its mission.

FLAG DEVICE:

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 20 December 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 307th Aviation Battalion, and activated in Vietnam. Inactivated 14 June 1971 at Fort Lewis, Washington. Activated 20 September 1971 in Vietnam. Inactivated 30 January 1972 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

- Counteroffensive, Phase III
- Tet Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- Counteroffensive, Phase V
- Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- Summer–Fall 1969
- Winter–Spring 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- Consolidation I
- Consolidation II

DECORATIONS

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (307th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 307th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 307th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 52, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 307th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

307TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 308th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 20 December 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 308th Aviation Battalion, and activated in Vietnam. Inactivated 1 July 1968 in Vietnam.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V

DECORATIONS

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (308th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

308TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 309th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA
(inactive)

LINEAGE

Constituted 31 July 1971 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 309th Aviation Battalion and activated in Korea. Inactivated 13 September 1972 in Korea.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

309TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

311th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of an orange tri-blade aeropropeller with one blade up, and issuing from its hub, three arrowheads, one between each blade, on a dark blue area that is inclosed above by an arched nebuly, passing behind the vertical blade across the top and conjoining the upper terminals of a light blue V-shaped scroll passing over the blades, and inscribed on the left "BLADES" and on the right "OF FORCE" in silver.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors used for aviation. The propeller and nebuly are symbolic of aircraft. They, along with the arrowheads, represent military preparedness and leadership and indicate the overall mission and capabilities of the unit. The scroll, in the form of a Roman numeral V, refers to the Fifth U.S. Army area, the historical home area of the unit.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

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LINEAGE (Fifth United States Army)

Constituted 24 November 1967 in the Army Reserve as the 311th Aviation Company. Assigned 1 January 1968 to the Fifth United States Army and activated at St. Louis, Missouri. Inactivated 15 April 1971 at St. Louis, Missouri. Redesignated 16 April 1980 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 311th Aviation Battalion, and activated at Grand Prairie, Texas.

Home Area: Fifth United States Army

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

311TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

501st AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure within an annulet argent enveloped by wings inverted or, an eagle's head erased of the second emitting from its eye a flash overall to base in pale tenné fimbriated of the second.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: The Warding Eye.

Symbolism: Teal blue is the color formerly used for aviation units. All design elements allude to the mission of the unit. The annulet is symbolic of a lens and refers to reconnaissance, aerial observation and surveillance as well as representing armor (a link of chain mail). The wings represent aviation, aerial transport, and (around the annulet) aerial photography. The flash, in the colors of the Signal Corps, refers to communication functions. The eagle's head alludes to the keen vision and high standards of the unit.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (1st Armored Division)

Constituted 15 February 1957 in the Regular Army as the 501st Aviation Company, assigned to the 1st Armored Division, and activated at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Reorganized and redesignated 3 February 1962 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 501st Aviation Battalion (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated). (Company A inactivated 1 September 1966 in Vietnam.) Battalion (less Company A) inactivated 24 June 1967 at Fort Hood, Texas. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 501st Aviation Battalion, reorganized and redesignated 21 August 1972 as the Aviation Company, 1st Armored Division, and activated in Germany. Reorganized and redesignated 21 August 1978 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Aviation Battalion (organic elements concurrently activated).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company A entitled to the following:

Vietnam
- Advisory
- Defense
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II

DECORATIONS

Company A entitled to Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DONG XOAI (Company A, 501st Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 43, 1966)

501ST AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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502d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Per chevron dovetailed argent and sable, in chief a pair of wings conjoined azure and in base two lightning flashes chevronwise tenné fimbriated of the first.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: First to Know.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue is the color used by aviation units, and with white alludes to the sky and the clouds. The black chevron represents armor as the spearhead of land assault and the dovetail partition suggests the close association of the aviation battalion with the armored elements of the division. The lightning flashes are symbolic of radio relay and radar surveillance.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (2d Armored Division)

Constituted 1 July 1957 in the Regular Army as the 502d Aviation Company, assigned to the 2d Armored Division, and activated in Germany. Reorganized and redesignated 22 July 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 502d Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 31 May 1963 and activated 22 July 1963). (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 502d Aviation Battalion, reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 502d Aviation Battalion; Company A inactivated 1 September 1966 in Vietnam.) Battalion (less Company A) inactivated 24 June 1967 at Fort Hood, Texas. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 502d Aviation Battalion, redesignated 1 October 1973 as the Aviation Company, 2d Armored Division, and activated at Fort Hood, Texas. Inactivated 1 October 1979 at Fort Hood, Texas. Redesignated 1 October 1980 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 502d Aviation Battalion, and activated at Fort Hood, Texas (Company D concurrently activated; Company E activated 16 December 1980).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company A entitled to the following:

Vietnam
- Advisory
- Defense
- Counteroffensive
- Counteroffensive, Phase II

DECORATIONS

Company A entitled to Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered CHUONG TIEN (Company A, 502d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 34, 1966), Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered PLEI ME (Company A, 502d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 20, 1967), and Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965 (Company A, 502d Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 46, 1968)

502D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

Dutchak, Eugene, ed. *2d Armored Division, Ft. Hood Texas, 1961–1962.* Topeka: Josten Military Publications, 1962.

Lambright, Odis J. "2d Armored Division." *United States Army Aviation Digest* 26 (August 1980):7.

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503d AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Azure a mullet at honor point argent over all a pile reversed counterchanged.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: Vision Support and Succor.

Symbolism: Teal blue and white are the colors formerly used for aviation battalions. The white star symbolizes guidance and is also used as an identification marking on aircraft. The reversed pile terminating in a star alludes to reconnaissance from the sky and the blue tip of the pile simulates an aircraft in flight.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (3d Armored Division)

Constituted 1 October 1957 in the Regular Army as the 503d Aviation Company, assigned to the 3d Armored Division, and activated in Europe. Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 503d Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 21 June 1963 and activated 1 September 1963). (Company A inactivated 15 January 1967 in Europe.) Battalion (less Company A) inactivated 5 June 1967 in Europe. Headquarters and Headquarters Company redesignated 21 November 1972 as the Aviation Company, 3d Armored Division, and activated in Germany. Reorganized and redesignated 21 September 1978 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 503d Aviation Battalion (Companies A and B concurrently activated; 334th Aviation Company [organized 10 November 1966 in Vietnam] concurrently reorganized and redesignated as Company C).

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Company C entitled to the following:

Vietnam

Counteroffensive, Phase II
Counteroffensive, Phase III
Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase IV
Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer–Fall 1969
Winter–Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII

DECORATIONS

Company C entitled to Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered SUOI TRE (334th Aviation Company cited; DA GO 17, 1968), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (334th Aviation Company cited; DA GO 48, 1968), Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966–1967 (334th Aviation Company cited; DA GO 22, 1968), Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967–1968 (334th Aviation Company cited; DA GO 21, 1969), Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971 (334th Aviation Company cited; DA GO 54, 1974), and Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (334th Aviation Company cited; DA GO 55, 1971)

503D AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

Geishauser, Tony. "Charlie Company Goes To England." *United States Army Aviation Digest* 25 (May 1979):43–47.

504th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Parti per saltire azure and lozengy of the like and argent, in chief two wings conjoined in leure displayed of the last in base a mullet of eight points silver.

Crest: None approved.

Motto: By Our Deeds Alone.

Symbolism: The blue and white patterned background refers to the arms of Bavaria, the battalion's first overseas assignment. Wings are for the aviation function. The star alludes to Texas, the Lone Star State, where the unit was activated.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

RA

LINEAGE (inactive)

Constituted 1 April 1957 in the Regular Army as the 504th Aviation Company, assigned to the 4th Armored Division, and activated at Fort Hood, Texas. Reorganized and redesignated 10 September 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 504th Aviation Battalion (organic elements constituted 19 June 1963 and activated 10 September 1963). (Company A inactivated 15 January 1967 in Germany.) Battalion (less Company A) inactivated 5 June 1967 in Germany.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None.

DECORATIONS

None.

504TH AVIATION BATTALION BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.

Glossary of Lineage Terms

ACTIVATE. To bring into being or establish a unit that has been constituted. Usually personnel and equipment are assigned at this time; however, a unit may be active at zero strength, that is, without personnel or equipment. This term was not used before 1921. It is never used when referring to Army National Guard units, and only since World War II has it been used in connection with Army Reserve units. (See also ORGANIZE.)

ALLOT. To assign a unit to one of the components of the United States Army. The present components of the Army are the Regular Army (RA), the Army National Guard (ARNG), and the Army Reserve (AR), which was formerly known as the Organized Reserves and the Organized Reserve Corps. During World War I units were also allotted to the National Army, and during World War II to the Army of the United States. A unit may be withdrawn from any component except the Army National Guard and allotted to another. The new allotment, however, does not change the history, lineage, and honors of the unit.

ASSIGN. To make a unit part of a larger organization and place it under that organization's command and control until it is relieved from the assignment. As a rule, only divisional and separate brigade assignments are shown in unit lineages.

CONSOLIDATE. To merge or combine two or more units into one new unit. The new unit may retain the designation of one of the original units or it may have a new designation, but it inherits the history, lineage, and honors of all of the units affected by the merger. In the nineteenth century, consolidation was frequently a merger of several understrength units to form one full-strength unit. At the present time, in the Regular Army and the Army Reserve, units are usually consolidated when they are inactive or when only one of the units is active; therefore, personnel and equipment are seldom involved. In the Army National Guard, on the other hand, active units are often consolidated, and their personnel are combined in the new unit.

CONSTITUTE. To place the designation of a new unit on the official rolls of the Army.

CONVERT. To transfer a unit from one branch of the Army to another, for example, from infantry to armor. Such a move always requires a redesignation, with the unit adopting the name of its new branch; however, there is no break in the historical continuity of the unit. If the unit is active, it must also be reorganized under a new table of organization and equipment (TOE).

DEMOBILIZE. To remove the designation of a unit from the official rolls of the Army. If the unit is active, it must also be inactivated. This term is used in unit lineages only when referring to the period during and immediately after World War I. (For other periods, see DISBAND.)

DESIGNATION. The official title of a unit, consisting usually of a number and a name.

DISBAND. To remove the designation of a unit from the official rolls of the Army. If the unit is active, it must also be inactivated.

ELEMENT. A unit that is assigned to or part of a larger organization. (See also ORGANIC ELEMENT.)

INACTIVATE. To place a unit that is not currently needed in an operative status without assigned personnel or equipment. The unit's designation, however, is retained on the rolls of the Army, and it can be reactivated whenever needed. Its personnel and equipment are reassigned to one or more active units, but its organizational properties and trophies are put in storage. When the unit is activated again, it is assigned new personnel and equipment, but it keeps its old history, honors, and organizational properties and trophies. This term has been used only since 1921. Before that time, units either remained active or were removed from the rolls of the Army.

ORDER INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE. To place an Army Reserve unit on full-time active duty usually during a war or a major crisis, such as the Berlin crisis of 1961–62. After completing its active duty, the unit may be inactivated or it may be released from active military service, reverting to reserve status. This phrase does not apply to Army Reserve units on annual active duty training.

ORGANIC ELEMENT. A unit that is an integral part of a larger organization, for example, a lettered company of a battalion or regiment.

ORGANIZE. To assign personnel and equipment to a unit and make it operative, that is, capable of performing its mission.

RECONSTITUTE. To restore to the official rolls of the Army a unit that has been disbanded or demobilized. The reconstituted unit may have a new designation, but it retains its former history, lineage, and honors.

REDESIGNATE. To change a unit's official name or number or both. Redesignation is a change of title only; the unit's history, lineage, and honors remain the same. Active as well as inactive units can be redesignated, but personnel and equipment of an active unit are not changed unless it is reorganized at the same time.

REORGANIZE. To change the structure of a unit in accordance with a new table of organization and equipment (TOE), or to change from one type of unit to another within the same branch of the Army, for example, from mechanized to airborne infantry. (For reorganizations involving a new branch, see CONVERT.) When referring to the Army National Guard, however, this term also means to organize an active unit again.

TRANSFER LESS PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. To move a unit from one place to another without its personnel and equipment. The transfer is, therefore, merely a move on paper. The unit is usually reorganized at its new location with newly assigned personnel and equipment, but it retains its own lineage, honors, and organizational properties and trophies. The original personnel and equipment are reassigned to one or more units.

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