

1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment

Colors are held by the 1st BN 1st ADA, Kadena AB, Japan

HONORARY REGIMENTAL LEADERSHIP



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12 JAN 16 - 11 JAN 19



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16 SEP 16 - 15 SEP 19

COAT OF ARMS

Shield

Gules, two pallets argent, overall a cubit arm habited in the Artillery uniform of 1861, erased, holding aloft a burning torch, or, between two of a snake vert, lipped and eyed of the third above and behind a prickly pear cactus all proper, fesswise.

Crest

On a wreath of the colors, argent and gules, a palmetto tree vert behind an arm embowed, habited in the Artillery uniform of 1861, issuing from the upper portion of an embattled tower and grasping a rammer staff fessways, all or.

Motto

Primus Inter Pares (First Among Equals)

Symbolism

The shield is scarlet for Artillery. The two white stripes, alluding to the campaign streamer of the War of 1812, denote the age of some of the units of the regiment. The snake and cactus, from the State Seal of Mexico, represent the Mexican War. The hand holding the torch of loyalty commemorates the defense of Fort Pickens, Florida, the only fort south of Fort Monroe, Virginia, that remained loyal to the federal government throughout the Civil War. The arm and rammer staff rising out of a tower in front of a palmetto tree indicates participation in the Civil War at Fort Sumter, South Carolina. The palmetto tree is taken from the State Seal of South Carolina.

Distinctive Insignia

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

LINEAGE AND HONORS

Constituted 1 June 1821 in the Regular Army as the 1st Regiment of Artillery, and organized from existing units with Headquarters at Fort Independence, Massachusetts. Regiment broken up 13 February 1901 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as separate numbered companies and batteries of Artillery Corps. Reconstituted 1 July 1924 in the Regular Army as the 1st Coast Artillery and partially organized with Headquarters at Fort de Lesseps, Canal Zone. (1st Battalion activated 1 June 1926 at Fort Randolph, Canal Zone; inactivated 31 July 1926 at Fort Randolph, Canal Zone. 1st and 2nd Battalions activated 15 April 1932 at Forts Randolph and Sherman, Canal Zone, respectively. 3rd Battalion activated 15 March 1950 at Fort Randolph, Canal Zone. 1st and 2nd Battalions inactivated 30 March 1941 at Forts Sherman and Randolph, Canal Zone, respectively; activated 17 April 1942 at Fort Sherman, Canal Zone).

Regiment broken up 1 November 1944 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Coast Artillery Group; remainder of regiment as the 1st Coast Artillery Battalion.

After 1 November 1944 the above units underwent changes as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Coast Artillery Group, reorganized and redesignated 2 January 1945 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Harbor Defenses of Cristobal. Inactivated 15 January 1947 at Fort Sherman, Canal Zone. Redesignated 21 June 1950 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Antiaircraft Artillery Group. Consolidated 18 November 1952 with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Antiaircraft Artillery Group (see Annex), and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Antiaircraft Artillery Group. Activated 15 April 1953 in Germany. Inactivated 26 December 1957 in Germany.

1st Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 1 February 1946 at Fort Sherman, Canal Zone Reconstituted 21 June 1950 in the Regular Army as the 1st Coast Artillery to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions; 1st and 2d Battalions concurrently redesignated as the 1st and 54th Antiaircraft Battalions, respectively.

1st Antiaircraft Battalion redesignated 17 March 1955 as the 1st Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion Activated 15 April 1955 at Irwin, Pennsylvania Inactivated 1 September 1958 at Irwin, Pennsylvania.

54th Antiaircraft Battalion redesignated 15 December 1954 as the 54th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion and activated at the United States Army Chemical Center, Maryland Inactivated 1 September 1958 at the United States Army Chemical Center, Maryland.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Antiaircraft Artillery Group, and the 1st and 54th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalions consolidated 19 March 1959 with the 1st Field Artillery Battalion (organized in 1907) and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as the 1st Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System.

1st Artillery (less former 1st Field Artillery Battalion) reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 1st Air Defense Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System (former 1st Field Artillery Battalion concurrently reorganized and redesignated as the 1st Field Artillery; hereafter, separate lineage).

1st Air Defense Artillery withdrawn 16 June 1987 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Annex
 Constituted 5 August 1942 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Group. Activated 17 August 1942 at Fort Bliss, Texas, Redesignated 31 December 1943 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Antiaircraft Artillery Group. Disbanded 13 February 1945 in France. Reconstituted 18 February 1952 in the Regular Army.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

WAR of 1812

Canada

INDIAN WARS

Seminoles

Texas 1859

MEXICAN WAR

Palo Alto
 Resaca de la Palma
 Monterey Vera Cruz Cerro Gordo Contreras

Churubusco
 Chapultepec
 Tamaulipas 1846
 Vera Cruz 1847
 Mexico 1847

CIVIL WAR

Sumter Bull Run
 Mississippi River
 Peninsula
 Manassas
 Antietam
 Fredericksburg
 Chancellorsville
 Gettysburg
 Wilderness
 Spotsylvania
 Cold Harbor

Petersburg
 Shenandoah
 Appomattox
 Florida 1861
 Florida 1862
 Florida 1864
 South Carolina 1862
 South Carolina 1863
 Virginia 1863
 Virginia 1864
 West Virginia 1863
 Louisiana 1864

WORLD WAR II

American Theater, Streamer without inscription
 Tunisia

Sicily
 Rome -Arno
 Rhineland

SOUTHWEST ASIA

Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered **SAUDI ARABIA AND BAHRAIN**
Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered **1984-1985**