

2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment

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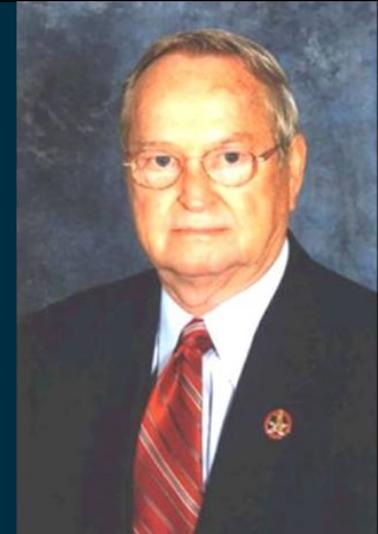
HONORARY REGIMENTAL LEADERSHIP



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18 JUN 10 – 17 JUN 13



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18 JUN 10 – 17 JUN 13



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18 JUN 10 – 17 JUN 13

COAT OF ARMS

Shield

Paly of fifteen, gules and argent, two Indian arrows saltirewise, or, behind a serpent vert, lipped and eyed of the third, coiled around and above a prickly pear cactus proper.

Crest

On a wreath of the colors, argent and gules, an eagle close, or, sitting on and at the intersection of a saltire azure, fimbriated argent.

Motto

Fidus Ultra Finem (Faithful Beyond the End)

Symbolism

The shield is scarlet for Artillery. The fifteen stripes, representative of the United States National Flag of 1814, allude to the Battle of Fort McHenry, Maryland, in which a company of the regiment participated.

The snake and cactus commemorate service in the Mexican War. The arrows refer to the Indian Wars. The American eagle, centered on the saltire from the battle flag of the Confederacy, depicts 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.

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 2nd Regiment of Artillery and organized from existing units with Headquarters at Baltimore, Maryland. 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 2nd Coast Artillery (Batteries E, G, and H concurrently reorganized and redesignated from existing units in the Canal Zone). (Battery C activated 30 April 1926 in the Canal Zone; Battery G concurrently inactivated in the Canal Zone. Batteries C, E, and H inactivated 15 April 1932 in the Canal Zone). Regimental headquarters and Batteries C, E, and H activated 30 April 1932 at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

(Battery A activated 1 September 1935 at Fort Monroe, Virginia; Battery H concurrently inactivated at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Batteries B and D activated 1 November 1938 at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Battery F activated 1 February 1940 at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Remainder of 1st and 2nd Battalions activated 1 August 1940 at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Battery G activated 1 March 1941 at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Remainder of regiment activated 30 April 1942 at Fort Monroe, Virginia).

Regiment broken up 1 October 1944 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Batteries A, B, C, G, H, and I as the 2nd Coast Artillery Battalion. (2nd Coast Artillery Battalion inactivated 1 April 1945 at Fort Monroe, Virginia; activated 1 August 1946 at Fort Winfield Scott, California; inactivated 25 November 1946 at Fort Winfield Scott, California). Batteries D, E, and F as elements of the 175th Coast Artillery Battalion (inactivated 20 July 1946 at Fort Monroe, Virginia).

Former elements of the 2nd Coast Artillery reconstituted and/or consolidated 28 June 1950 to form the following units: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 2nd Coast Artillery Battalion, consolidated with Headquarters Battery, 2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Group (see Annex 1), and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Group.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 2nd Coast Artillery, reconstituted in the Regular Army and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion; concurrently Battery A, Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay (formerly Battery A, 2nd Coast Artillery Battalion), Batteries B and C, 2nd Coast Artillery Battalion, and Battery F, 2nd Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay (formerly Battery A, 175th Coast Artillery Battalion), redesignated as Batteries A, B, C, and D, 2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, respectively.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Coast Artillery, reconstituted in the Regular Army and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 12th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion; concurrently Batteries B, C, D, and E, Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay (formerly Batteries E, F, G, and H, 2nd Coast Artillery), redesignated as Batteries A, B, C, and D, 12th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, respectively; battalion concurrently consolidated with the 136th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (see Annex 2), and consolidated unit designated as the 12th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Coast Artillery, reconstituted in the Regular Army; concurrently consolidated with Battery F, 2nd Coast Artillery Battalion, Battery E, 175th Coast Artillery Battalion, and the 42nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (active) (see Annex 3), and consolidated unit designated as the 42nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, an element of the 9th Infantry Division.

After 28 June 1950 the above units underwent changes as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Group, activated 10 June 1951 at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. Reorganized and redesignated 20 March 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Artillery Group. Inactivated 15 December 1961 at Lockport Air Force Station, New York.

2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion redesignated 27 February 1951 as the 2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion and assigned to the 1st Armored Division. Activated 7 March 1951 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Consolidated 20 March 1951 with the 434th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (see Annex 4), and consolidated unit designated as the 2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. Redesignated 20 May 1953 as the 2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Inactivated 15 February 1957 at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and relieved from assignment to the 1st Armored Division. 12th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 13 March 1952 as the 12th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Activated 8 April 1952 at Fort Hancock, New Jersey. Redesignated 15 May 1953 as the 12th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Inactivated 20 December 1957 at New York, New York. 42nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. Redesignated 25 May 1954 as the 42nd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Inactivated 1 December 1957 at Fort Carson, Colorado, and relieved from assignment to the 9th Infantry Division.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Artillery Group; 2nd, 12th, and 42nd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalions; and the 2nd Field Artillery Battalion (organized in 1907) consolidated, reorganized, and redesignated 15 December 1961 as the 2nd Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System. 2nd Artillery (less former 2nd Field Artillery Battalion) reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 2nd Air Defense Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System (former 2nd Field Artillery Battalion concurrently reorganized and redesignated as the 2nd Field Artillery hereafter separate lineage).

Withdrawn 16 January 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System.

Annex 1

Constituted 5 August 1942 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Group. Activated 17 August 1942 at Camp Hulen, Texas. Redesignated 18 February 1944 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Antiaircraft Artillery Group. Inactivated 15 October 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts. Activated 1 August 1946 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Annex 2

Constituted 5 May 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 1st Battalion, 504th Coast Artillery. Activated 1 July 1942 at Camp Hulen, Texas. Reorganized and redesignated 20 January 1943 as the 214th Coast Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 13 November 1943 as the 214th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Inactivated 12 February 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

Annex 3

Constituted 25 February 1943 in the Army of the United States as the 795th Coast Artillery Battalion. Activated 20 April 1943 at Camp Stewart, Georgia. Redesignated 30 April 1943 as the 795th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. Inactivated 31 December 1945 in Germany. Redesignated 25 June 1948 as the 42nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion and assigned to the 9th Infantry Division. Activated 12 July 1948 at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Annex 4

Constituted 31 January 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 434th Coast Artillery Battalion. Activated 1 March 1942 at Camp Hulen, Texas. Redesignated 5 December 1943 as the 434th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. Disbanded 14 January 1945 in Italy. Reconstituted 20 March 1951 in the Regular Army.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

WAR of 1812

Canada

INDIAN WARS

Seminoles

MEXICAN WAR

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

Churubusco
Molino del Rey
Chapultepec
Tamaulipas 1846
Puebla 1847

CIVIL WAR

Bull Run
Peninsula
Antietam
Fredericksburg
Chancellorsville
Gettysburg
Wilderness
Spotsylvania
Cold Harbor
Petersburg

Shenandoah
Appomattox
Florida 1861
Florida 1862
Virginia 1861
Virginia 1862
Virginia 1863
Virginia 1865
Maryland 1863

WORLD WAR II

Tunisia
Naples-Foggia
Anzio
Rome Arno
Normandy

Northern France
North Apennines
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
England 1944

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

SOUTHWEST ASIA

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

DECORATIONS

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1990-1991
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1978-1981