

# 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment

Colors are held by the 1st BN 43rd ADA, FT Bliss, TX

## HONORARY REGIMENTAL LEADERSHIP



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## COAT OF ARMS

### Shield

Gules, on a bend, or, three oozlefinches vert.

### Crest

On a wreath of the colors, or and gules, an epi, or, around and behind a French Locomotive affronte gules.

### Motto

*Sustinemus (We Support)*

### Symbolism

The shield is red for Artillery. The bend is taken from the arms of Lorraine, which is gold with three golden alerions on a red bend, with the colors reversed. The three oozlefinches are used instead of alerions. The green oozlefinch was the device on the shoulder patch worn by the railway artillery reserve in France of which this regiment was a unit. The locomotive and epi show the character of the regiment. The motto alludes to the mission of the railway artillery.

### Distinctive Insignia

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

## LINEAGE AND HONORS

Constituted 29 June 1918 in the Regular Army as the 43rd Artillery (Coast Artillery Corps). Organized 7 August 1918 in France from existing Regular Army units and one New York National Guard company (National Guard company demobilized in February 1919; Regiment continued on active status). Inactivated 17 August 1921 at Camp Eustis, Virginia. Redesignated 1 July 1924 as the 43rd Coast Artillery. Disbanded 14 June 1944.

43rd Coast Artillery reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army; Regiment concurrently broken up and its elements redesignated as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 43rd Field Artillery Group. 1st Battalion consolidated with the 43rd Field Artillery Battalion (see ANNEX 1) and consolidated unit designated as the 43rd Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 8th Infantry Division. 2nd Battalion consolidated with the 61st Field Artillery Battalion (active) (see Annex 2) and consolidated unit designated as the 61st field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 1st Cavalry Division. 3rd Battalion consolidated with the 64th Field Artillery Battalion (active) (see ANNEX 3) and consolidated unit designated as the 64th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 25th Infantry Division.

After 28 June 1950 the above units underwent changes as follows: 43rd Field Artillery Battalion activated 17 August 1950 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Inactivated 1 August 1957 in Germany and relieved from assignment to the 8th Infantry Division. 61st Field Artillery Battalion inactivated 15 October 1957 in Japan and relieved from assignment to the 1st Cavalry Division. 64th Field Artillery Battalion inactivated 1 February 1957 in Hawaii and relieved from assignment to the 25th Infantry Division.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 43rd Field Artillery Group, and the 43rd, 61st, and 64th Field Artillery Battalions consolidated, reorganized, and redesignated August 1958-July 1959 as the 43rd Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System. Redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 43rd Air Defense Artillery. Withdrawn 16 March 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the

United States Army Regimental System at Fort Bliss, Texas.

**Annex 1**

Constituted 1 October 1933 in the Regular Army as the 43rd Field Artillery. Redesignated 13 January 1941 as the 43rd Field Artillery Battalion. Assigned 1 June 1941 to the 8th Division (later redesignated as the 8th Infantry Division) and activated at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Inactivated 20 October 1945 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

**Annex 2**

Constituted 16 December 1940 in the Regular Army as the 61st Field Artillery Battalion. Assigned 3 January 1941 to the 1st Cavalry Division and activated at Fort Bliss, Texas.

**Annex 3**

Constituted 26 August 1941 in the Regular Army as the 64th Field Artillery Battalion and assigned to the 25th Infantry Division. Activated 1 October 1941 in Hawaii.

**CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

**WAR WORLD I**

St. Mihiel  
Meuse-Argonne

Lorraine 1918

**WAR WORLD II**

Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Central Europe  
Central Pacific  
Guadalcanal

Northern Solomons  
New Guinea  
Bismarck Archipelago  
Leyte (with arrowhead)  
Luzon

**KOREAN WAR**

UN Defensive  
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

**SOUTHWEST ASIA**

Defense of Saudi Arabia  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Cease-Fire

**DECORATIONS**

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered **GUADALCANAL**  
Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered **NAM RIVER**  
Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered **PAKCHON, KOREA**  
Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered **WONJU-HWACHON**  
Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered **SAUDI ARABIA AND BAHRAIN**  
Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered **1992**  
Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered **1992-1993**  
Navy Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered **PANMUNJOM**  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Streamer embroidered **ALASKA**