

# 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment

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## HONORARY REGIMENTAL LEADERSHIP



**COL (Ret) RONALD F. STUART**  
**HONORARY COLONEL**  
**1 NOV 06 – 31 JAN 19**



**CSM (Ret) KEVIN B. McGOVERN**  
**HONORARY SERGEANT MAJOR**  
**1 FEB 16 – 31 JAN 19**



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**HONORARY WARRANT OFFICER**  
**18 JUN 07 – 31 JAN 19**

## COAT OF ARMS

**Shield**  
Gules, a bend potente, or.

**Crest**  
On a wreath of the colors, or and gules, a locomotive affronte gules, charged with the number "52" or.

**Motto**  
*Semper Paratus (Always Prepared)*

**Symbolism**  
The shield is red for Artillery. The gold potente bend is an adaptation of the cottised bend of the arms of Champagne. The crest alludes to service in France during World War I.

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

## LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized 22 July 1917 in the Regular Army at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, as the 7th Provisional Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps. Redesignated 5 February 1918 as the 52nd Artillery (Coast Artillery Corps). (3rd Battalion inactivated 16 May 1921 at Fort Eustis, Virginia; activated 18 August 1921 at Fort Eustis, Virginia; 1st Battalion inactivated 1 August 1922 at Fort Eustis, Virginia.) Redesignated 1 July 1924 as the 52nd Coast Artillery. (Battery D inactivated 1 November 1938 at Fort Monroe, Virginia; Battery F inactivated 1 February 1940 at Fort Monroe, Virginia; Batteries D and F activated 8 January 1941 at Fort Hancock, New Jersey; 1st Battalion activated 1 June 1941 at Fort Hancock, New Jersey.) Regiment broken up 1 May 1943 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery disbanded at Fort Hancock, New Jersey.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions as the 286th, 287th, and 288th Coast Artillery Battalions, respectively (Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 288th Coast Artillery Battalion, concurrently inactivated at Fort Hancock, New Jersey.)

After 1 May 1943 the above units underwent changes as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 52nd Coast Artillery, reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 52nd Field Artillery Group. Activated 18 January 1952 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Redesignated 25 June 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 52nd Artillery Group. Inactivated 30 June 1971 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

286th Coast Artillery Battalion converted and redesignated 30 August 1944 as the 538th Field Artillery Battalion. Inactivated 14 December 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts. Activated 31 December 1946 in the Philippine Islands. Inactivated 30 May 1947 in the Philippine Islands. Activated 22 March 1951 at Camp Carson,

Colorado. Inactivated 1 June 1958 in Germany.

287th Coast Artillery Battalion converted and redesignated 30 August 1944 as the 539th Field Artillery Battalion. Inactivated 28 December 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts. Activated 31 December 1946 in the Philippine Islands. Inactivated 30 May 1947 in the Philippine Islands. Activated 18 March 1955 in Japan. Inactivated 25 March 1956 in Japan.

286th Coast Artillery Battalion inactivated 18 April 1944 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Disbanded 14 June 1944. Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army; concurrently consolidated with the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion (active) (see Annex) and consolidated unit designated as the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 24th Infantry Division. Inactivated 5 June 1958 and relieved from assignment to the 24th Infantry Division. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 52nd Artillery Group, and the 538th, 539th, and 52nd Field Artillery Battalions consolidated, reorganized, and redesignated 30 June 1971 as the 52nd Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System. Redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 52nd Air Defense Artillery. Withdrawn 16 April 1988 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System with Headquarters at Fort Lewis, Washington.

**Annex**

Constituted 1 October 1933 in the Regular Army as the 52nd Field Artillery. Redesignated 26 August 1941 as the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion and assigned to the 24th Infantry Division. Activated 1 October 1941 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

**CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

**WORLD WAR I**

Champagne-Marne  
St. Mihiel  
Meuse-Argonne

Champagne 1918  
Lorraine 1918

**WORLD WAR II**

Central Europe  
Central Pacific  
New Guinea (with arrowhead)

Leyte  
Luzon  
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

**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

**SOUTHWEST ASIA**

Defense of Saudi Arabia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

**DECORATIONS**

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered **DEFENSE OF KOREA**  
Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered **DAK TO-BEN HET**  
Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered **SAUDI ARABIA AND BAHRAIN**  
Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered **FLORIDA 1962-1963**  
Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered **VIETNAM 1966-1969**