

62ND Air Defense Artillery Regiment

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HONORARY REGIMENTAL LEADERSHIP



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COAT OF ARMS

Shield

Gyronny of six embattled azure and gules, a circle of sixteen mullets argent.

Crest

On a wreath of the colors, argent and azure, on a saltire azure fimbriated argent two arrows of the last, all entwined with a serpent vert.

Motto

Nitimur in Alta (We Aim at High Things)

Symbolism

The six embattled sectors symbolize participation in six wars (the War of 1812, Indian Wars, Mexican War, Civil War, War with Spain, and the Philippine Insurrection) by units of the 62nd Coast Artillery, from which the 62nd Air Defense Artillery is descended.

Symbolism (cont)

The blue and red and the sixteen mullets commemorate the date (1798) one element of the regiment was organized; the uniforms worn by Artillery soldiers were dark blue faced with scarlet and there were sixteen states in the Union.

The saltire, alluding to the flag of the confederacy, is blue to indicate that service of elements of the regiment during the Civil War was with the Union Army.

The two arrows represent the Indian Wars and the serpent represents the Mexican War.

Distinctive Insignia

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

LINEAGE AND HONORS

Constituted 1 August 1921 in the Regular Army as the 2nd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Organized 4 September 1921 at Fort Totten, New York, from existing units. Redesignated 1 June 1922 as the 62nd Artillery Battalion (Antiaircraft), Coast Artillery Corps. Redesignated 1 July 1924 as the 62nd Coast Artillery.

Regiment broken up 24 March 1944 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 80th Antiaircraft Group. 1st Battalion as the 62nd Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. 2nd Battalion as the 893rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. 3rd Battalion as the 331st Antiaircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion.

After 24 March 1944 the above units underwent changes as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 80th Antiaircraft Artillery Group, inactivated 14 December 1945 in Germany. Activated 20 December 1948 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Redesignated 20 March 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 80th Artillery Group. Inactivated 24 Jun 1961 at Fort Wadsworth, New York.

62nd Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion inactivated 13 March at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Redesignated 9 December 1948 as the 62nd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. Activated 15 January 1949 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Assigned 4 November 1948 to the 2nd Armored Division. Relieved 20 October 1950 from assignment to the 2nd Armored Division. Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 62nd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Inactivated 15 September 1958 in Germany.

893rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic weapons Battalion inactivated 14 December 1945 in Germany. Redesignated 13 October 1948 as the 50th Antiaircraft

Automatic Weapons Battalion. Activated 8 June 1949 at fort Bliss, Texas. Redesignated 20 March 1953 as the 50th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Inactivated June 1958 in Korea.

331st Antiaircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion disbanded 4 December 1944 in Italy. Reconstituted 5 August 1958 in the Regular Army.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 8th Artillery Group; 62nd and 50th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalions; and 331st Antiaircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion consolidated, reorganized, and redesignated 24 Jun 1961 as the 62nd Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Army Regimental System. Redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 62nd Air Defense Artillery. Withdrawn 16 August 1986 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System with headquarters at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

WAR of 1812

Streamer without inscription

MEXICAN WAR

Vera Cruz 1847
Cerro Gordo 1847
Contreras 1847
Churubusco 1847

Molino del Rey 1847
Chapultepec 1847
Puebla 1847

INDIAN WARS

Seminoles

Washington 1858

CIVIL WAR

Peninsula 1862
Antietam 1862
Fredericksburg 1862
Chancellorville 1863
Gettysburg 1863

Wilderness 1864
Spotsylvania 1864
Shenandoah 1864
Virginia 1863

WAR WITH SPAIN

Manila 1898

PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION

Manila 1898
Malolos 1899

Luzon 1899

WORLD WAR II

Algeria – French Morocco 1942
Tunisia 1942 – 1943
Sicily 1943
Rome – Arno 1944

Southern France 1944
Rhineland 1944 – 1945
Ardennes – Alsace 1944 – 1945
Central Europe 1945

KOREAN WAR

UN Defensive 1950
UN Offensive 1950
CCF Intervention 1950 – 1951
First UN Counteroffensive 1951
CCF Spring Offensive 1951

Second Korean Winter 1951 – 1952
Korea Summer – Fall 1952
Third Korean Winter 1952 – 1953
Korea Summer 1953
UN Summer – Fall Offensive 1951

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered **INCHON**