

6th Air Defense Artillery Regiment

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HONORARY REGIMENTAL LEADERSHIP



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COAT OF ARMS

Shield

Parti per pairle argent, gules and azure, in chief a mullet of five points of the second and in fess debased two fleurs-de-lis or.

Crest

On a wreath of the colors, argent and gules, a grizzly bear passant sable langued gules.

Motto

Certo Dirigo Ictu (I Aim With a Sure Blow)

Symbolism

The field of the shield, an adaptation of the flag of the Philippine insurgents, alludes to the regiment's service in the Philippine Insurrection. The scarlet star refers to Artillery, its five points indicative of the number of engagements in which a battery of the 6th Artillery participated during the Insurrection. The two fleurs-de-lis denote service in France during World War I.

The crest is taken from that of the Coast Defenses of San Francisco, California, where the old regiment and the majority of its companies were stationed. The motto is indicative of the character of the bear and is applicable to the personnel of the regiment in the performance of duty.

Distinctive Insignia

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

LINEAGE AND HONORS

Constituted 8 March 1898 in the Regular Army as the 6th Regiment of Artillery. Organized 23 March 1898 at Fort McHenry, Maryland. Regiment broken up 13 February 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 6th Coast Artillery and partially organized with Headquarters at Fort Winfield Scott, California. (1st and 2nd Battalions activated 1 July 1939 at Fort Winfield Scott, California; 3rd Battalion activated 2 June 1941 at Fort Winfield Scott, California; 4th Battalion activated 15 June 1941 at Fort Funston, California.) Regiment broken up 18 October 1944 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery disbanded at Fort Baker, California. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions reorganized and redesignated as the 6th, 172nd, 173rd and 174th Coast Artillery Battalions, respectively.

After 18 October 1944, the above units underwent changes as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th coast Artillery, reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army, concurrently consolidated with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Antiaircraft Artillery Group (see Annex 1), and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Antiaircraft Artillery group. Activated 1 February 1952 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Redesignated 20 March 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Artillery Group. Inactivated 1 September 1971 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

6th Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 15 September 1945 in California. Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular army and redesignated as the 6th

Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 4 October 1950 as the 6th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, assigned to the 6th Infantry Division, and activated at Fort Ord, California, and relieved from assignment to the 6th Infantry Division.

172nd Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 15 September 1945 in California. Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army and concurrently consolidated with the 25th Antiaircraft Artillery automatic Weapons battalion (active) (see Annex 2), and consolidated unit designated as the 25th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, an element of the 25th Infantry Division. Inactivated 10 November 1951 in Korea and relieved from assignment to the 25th Infantry Division. Redesignated 19 November 1952 as the 25th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 5 December 1957 as the 25th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion. Inactivated 1 September 1958 in Germany.

173rd Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 15 September 1945 at Fort Miley, California. Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army and redesignated as the 45th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 9 March 1951 as the 45th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Activated 19 March 1951 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 45th antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 1 November 1957 as the 45th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion. Inactivated 1 September 1958 in Germany.

174th Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 15 September 1945 in California. Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army and redesignated as the 53rd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 21 April as the 53rd Antiaircraft Artillery gun Battalion. Activated 5 May 1952 in Japan. Inactivated 24 June 1955 in Japan. Redesignated 6 October 1955 as the 53rd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Activated 15 November 1955 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Inactivated 25 March 1957 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

6th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion; 25th and 45th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile battalions, 53rd Antiaircraft Artillery battalion; and the 6th Armored field Artillery Battalion (organized in 1907) consolidated, reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1963 as the 6th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System. 6th Artillery (less former 6th Armored field Artillery battalion) consolidated 1 September 1971 with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Artillery Group, and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as the 6th Air Defense Artillery, a parent regiment under the combat Arms Regimental System (former 6th Armored field Artillery Battalion concurrently reorganized and redesignated as the 6th Field Artillery — hereafter, separate lineage). Withdrawn 16 June 1987 from the Combat Arms Regimental System, reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System and transferred to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command with Headquarters at Fort Bliss, Texas. Re-aligned under the Fires Center of Excellence at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma in 2009.

Annex 1

Constituted 5 August 1942 in the Army of the United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Group. Activated 21 August 1942 at Camp Haan, California. Redesignated 26 May 1943 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Antiaircraft Artillery Group. Inactivated 10 December 1945 at Manila, Philippine Islands.

Annex 2

Constituted 8 February 1943 in the Army of the United States as the 778th Coast Artillery Battalion. Activated 10 March 1943 at Cam Haan, California. Redesignated 1 May 1943 as the 778th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. Inactivated 1 May 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Redesignated 13 October 1948 as the 25th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion and allotted to the Regular Army. Assigned 20 March 1949 to the 25th Infantry Division and activated in Japan.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION

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WORLD WAR II

Rhineland 1944-1945
Ardennes-Alsace 1944-1945
Central Europe 1945

New guinea 1943-1944
Bismark Archipelago 1943-1944
Luzon 1944-1945

VIETNAM

Vietnam Defense 1965
Vietnam Counteroffensive 1965-1966
Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase II 1966-1967
Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase III, 1967-1968
Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase IV, 1968

Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase V, 1968
Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase VI, 1968-1969
Tet 69/Counteroffensive, 1969
Vietnam summer-Fall 1969
Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered **VIETNAM 1966**
Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered **VIETNAM 1967-1968**
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered **17 OCTOBER 1944 TO JULY 1945**