

188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment North Dakota Army National Guard

Coat of Arms



Shield

Blazoned, per chevron gules and or, in chief a demisun with seven rays or and in base a drawn bow with fire arrow point and gules.

Crest

That for the regiments and separate battalions of the North Dakota Army National Guard: On a wreath of the colors or and gules a sheaf of three arrows argent armed and flighted gules behind a stringed bow fesswise or with grip of the second gules.

Motto

Forever Vigilant

Symbolism

Red and Yellow are the colors traditionally associated with the United States Army Artillery. Red is indicative of the unit's courage, vitality and zeal. The gold refers to leadership achievement and excellence. The demisun, with seven rays, represents the seven Indian tribes of North Dakota. A bow and arrow device is an established emblem of the North Dakota Army National Guard. The bow and flaming arrow also symbolize the significant Indian heritage that the state bears. The fiery arrow aimed skyward is emblematic of the air defense mission. The bow is fully drawn to highlight the unit's military preparedness and awesome striking power, as well as characterizing the unit's motto.

Distinctive Insignia

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

Lineage and Honors

Constituted 4 May 1989 in the North Dakota Army National Guard as the 188th Air Defense Artillery, a parent regiment under the United States Army Regimental System with Headquarters at Grand Forks. Organized 1 October 1988 to consist of the 1st Battalion.

Campaign Participation Credit

None

Decorations

None

