

204th Air Defense Artillery Regiment Mississippi Army National Guard

Coat of Arms



Shield

Or, three dragons' heads erased, conjoined in one neck, the faces looking to the chief, dexter, and sinister sides Gules, incensed Proper, the uppermost head affixed by a wreath of laurel of the third; all within a bordure of the second.

Crest

That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Mississippi Army National Guard: From a wreath of the colors Or and Gules a slip of magnolia full flower with leaves Proper behind a trident Sable.

Motto

DUM VIGILO PARO (While I Watch I Prepare).

Symbolism

The use of the shield of the coat of arms of the 609th Coast Artillery Regiment (later redesignated as the 738th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion), differenced by the border, indicates the descent of the 204th Antiaircraft Artillery (Automatic Weapons) Battalion from the 2d Battalion of that organization. Scarlet (Gules) is the color of Artillery. The functions of the unit were represented by the dragons' heads, alert in all directions, breathing fire, and thus indicating their readiness to oppose all encroachment. The laurel represents the wreaths bestowed upon victors in antiquity.

Distinctive Insignia

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

Lineage and Honors

Campaign Participation Credit

None

Decorations

None

