

# 213th Air Defense Artillery Regiment Pennsylvania Army National Guard

## Coat of Arms



### Shield

Blazoned or, gules, on a maple leaf argent between in pairle seven fleur-de-lis or, the dome of the United States Capitol azure, in base, dexter a Maltese cross, sinister a scorpion bendwise of the third.

### Crest

That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard: On a wreath of the colors argent and gules a lion rampant guardant proper, holding in dexter paw a naked scimitar argent hilted or and in sinister an escutcheon argent on a fess sable three plates.

### Motto

The First Defenders

### Symbolism

The shield is red for Artillery. Service during the War of 1812 is indicated by the maple leaf; the Mexican War by the scorpion; the Civil War by the dome of the United States Capitol; Spanish-American War by the Maltese Cross; and World War I by the seven fleur-de-lis.

### Distinctive Insignia

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

## Lineage and Honors

Constituted 14 May 1874 as the 4th Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. Organized 30 June 1874 from existing independent companies of the 5th and 7th Divisions, Pennsylvania National Guard. The regiment consisted of companies in Allentown, Hamburg, Columbia, Reading, Pinegrove and Pottsville. Mustered into federal service 9 May-6 July 1898 as the 4th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Mustered out of federal service 16 November 1898 and reorganized as the 4th Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. Mustered into federal service 8 July 1916 for

Mexican border duty, mustered out of federal service 15-26 January 1917. Mustered into federal service 16-27 July 1917. Reorganized and redesignated 15 August 1917-21 March 1918 as 10th, 108th and 109th Machine Gun Battalions, 28th Division, and as the 149th Machine Gun Battalion and elements of the 150th and 151st Machine Gun Battalions, 42nd Division.

Demobilized during May 1919. Reorganized 9 July 1920-8 April 1921 as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Separate Battalions of Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard. Consolidated and redesignated 1 Ma 1922 as the 213th Artillery (Coast Artillery Corps). Redesignated 1 August 1921 as the 213th Coast Artillery. Inducted into federal service 15 September 1940. Regiment reorganized and the 3rd Battalion activated 15 June 1942. Regiment broken up as follows: (Headquarters and Headquarters Battery redesignated 1 April 1944 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 213th Antiaircraft Artillery Group; hereafter, separate lineage.) 1s Battalion redesignated 23 March 1944 as the 73rd Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. 2nd Battalion redesignated 14 March 1944 as the 899th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. 3rd Battalion redesignated 1 April 1944 as the 337th Antiaircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion.

73rd Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion inactivated 25 January 1945 in France. Reorganized and federally recognized 30 September 1946 with Headquarters at Easton. Redesignated 1 June 1950 as the 213th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Ordered in active federal military service 29 August 1950 at Easton. Redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 213th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (Gun). Location of Headquarters changed 10 October 1953 to Bethlehem.

899th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion inactivated 13 February 1945 in France. Reorganized in the Pennsylvania National Guard with Headquarters federally recognized 8 October 1946 at Lancaster. Ordered into active military service 5 September 1950 at Lancaster. Redesignated 1 April 1953 as the 899th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (AW). 899th Antiaircraft Artillery (Automatic Weapons) (Self Propelled) (National Guard U.S.) was organized with Headquarters federal recognized 20 August 1953 at Lancaster. Released from active military service 15 June 1954 in Germany and reverted to state control. Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from National Guard counterpart. Location of Headquarters changed 1 January 1958 to Hershey.

337th Antiaircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion inactivated 24 September 1944 in Italy. Reorganized with Headquarters federally recognized 9 December 1946 at Reading. Redesignated 1 December 1947 as the 337th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Ordered into active military service 31 December 1952 at Reading and reverted to state control.

213th, 337th and 899th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalions reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1959 as the 213th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System to consist of the 3rd Automatic Weapons Battalion and 4th Howitzer Battalion. Reorganized 24 March 1964 to consist of the 3rd Automatic Weapons Battalion and 4th Battalion. Broken up 17 February 1968. Withdrawn from Combat Arms Regimental system and reorganized 1 October 1990 under the United States Army Regimental System to consist of 1st Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division.

#### Campaign Participation Credit

##### World War I

Champagne-Marne 1918  
Alsne-Marne 1918  
Oise-Aisne 1918  
St. Mihiel 1918  
Meuse-Argonne 1918  
Champagne 1918  
Lorraine 1918

##### World War II

Algeria-French Morocco 1942 (with arrowhead)  
Tunisia 1942-1943  
Naples-Foggia 1943-1944 (with arrowhead)

Rome-Arno 1944  
Rhineland 1944-1945

War of 1812

Streamer without inscription

Mexican War

Vera Cruz 1847  
Cerro Gerdo 1847  
Churubusco 1847  
Molino del Rey 1847  
Chapultepec 1847  
Contreras 1847  
Puebla 1847

Civil War

Antietam 1862  
Chancellorsville 1863  
Virginia 1862

Decorations

None