

# U.S. Army National Guard Regimental System



The purpose of the U.S. Army Regimental System (Army National Guard) is to enhance combat effectiveness through a framework that provides the opportunity for regimental affiliation develops loyalty and commitment, fosters and extended sense of belonging, improves unit esprit and institutionalizes the warfighting ethos.

United esprit de corps and unit cohesion are essential characteristics of an effective fighting organization. Military history has demonstrated that units with high esprit, a sense of tradition and pride in past achievements perform well in combat. From the organization of the North, South and East Regiment in 1636 until 1959, the regiment was the primary tactical unit in the National Guard. The regiment was not only the repository for history and tradition; it also served as the basic personnel organization. Before 1959 a National Guardsman could spend an entire military career in a particular regiment. In 1959 Army National Guard regiments were replaced by battle groups, which were later replaced by battalions. The Combat Army Regimental System (CARS) was created a framework for battalion to continue their identity and affiliation to their parent regiment without restricting changes in force structure.

Under CARS, the regiment continued to serve as the repository of lineage, honors, traditions and heraldry. Phase V of CARS, which was not implemented, provided for establishing regimental headquarters.

The U.S. Army Regimental System (Army National Guard) authorizes state adjutants general to formerly establish regimental headquarters that will serve as the focal point for regimental affairs since battalions often have little direct contact with each other. Combat arms regiments organized under CARS are eligible to participate in the U.S. Army Regimental System (Army National Guard).

## **Affiliation Policy**

Each soldier will choose a regiment of affiliation. In most cases, the regiment will be the one in which the soldier is currently serving. A combat arms soldier not serving in a regiment will affiliate with a regiment of his or her choice provided that he or she has previously served in that regiment. The regiment of affiliation will be a combat-arms regiment allotted to the Army National Guard of the state. Army National Guard Special Force soldiers may affiliate with the 1st Special Forces Regiment.

When assigned to troop duty, personnel affiliated with a particular regiment should serve in a battalion of that regiment whenever possible. Coordination of the assignment of affiliated personnel will be coordinated by the state adjutant general. Affiliated personnel who transfer to another state or component sever their relationship with the regiment and will no longer wear the regimental distinguished unit insignia.

Affiliated personnel will wear the regimental branch of service insignia on the Army green and blue uniforms while affiliated with the regiment.



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