



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

2d BATTALION, 502d INFANTRY REGIMENT

Constituted 14 March 1941 in the Army of the United States as Company B, 502d Parachute Battalion

Activated 1 July 1941 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Consolidated 24 February 1942 with Company B, 502d Parachute Infantry (concurrently constituted in the Army of the United States), and consolidated unit designated as Company B, 502d Parachute Infantry

(502d Parachute Infantry assigned 15 August 1942 to the 101st Airborne Division)

Inactivated 30 November 1945 in France

Redesignated 18 June 1948 as Company B, 502d Airborne Infantry

Allotted 25 June 1948 to the Regular Army

Activated 6 July 1948 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 April 1949 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Activated 25 August 1950 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 December 1953 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Activated 15 May 1954 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

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Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Airborne Battle Group, 502d Infantry, relieved from assignment to the 101st Airborne Division, and assigned to the 11th Airborne Division (later redesignated as the 11th Air Assault Division) (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Inactivated 1 July 1958 in Germany

Redesignated 21 January 1964 as the 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry; concurrently relieved from assignment to the 11th Air Assault Division and assigned to the 101st Airborne Division

Activated 3 February 1964 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Inactivated 21 January 1983 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and relieved from assignment to the 101st Airborne Division

Assigned 5 June 1984 to the 101st Airborne Division and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Relieved 16 September 2004 from assignment to the 101st Airborne Division and assigned to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

- *Normandy (with arrowhead)
- *Rhineland (with arrowhead)
- *Ardennes-Alsace
- *Central Europe

Vietnam

- *Defense
- *Counteroffensive
- *Counteroffensive, Phase II
- *Counteroffensive, Phase III
- *Tet Counteroffensive
- *Counteroffensive, Phase IV
- *Counteroffensive, Phase V
- *Counteroffensive, Phase VI
- *Tet 69/Counteroffensive
- *Summer-Fall 1969
- *Winter-Spring 1970
- *Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- *Counteroffensive, Phase VII
- *Consolidation I
- *Consolidation II

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Southwest Asia

- *Defense of Saudi Arabia
- *Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

War on Terrorism

- Afghanistan:*
- *Consolidation III

(Additional campaigns
to be determined)

DECORATIONS

- *Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY
- *Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE
- *Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered AN KHE
- *Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DAK TO, VIETNAM 1966
- *Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered KANDAHAR PROVINCE
- *Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered TUY HOA
- *Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered NAM HOA DISTRICT
- *Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered BA LONG DISTRICT
- *Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005-2006
- *Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1966
- *Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003
- *Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2014
- *French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered NORMANDY
- *Netherlands Orange Lanyard
- *Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm, Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE; cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at Bastogne

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***Belgian Fourragere 1940**

***Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in France and Belgium**

***Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1967**

***Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969**

***Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971**

***Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1970**

Company A additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2004

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ MAY 2016-JAN 2017

Company B additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN FEB-OCT 2014

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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