



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

5th BATTALION, 2d AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY

Constituted 3 March 1847 in the Regular Army as Company M, 2d Regiment of Artillery

Organized 12 March 1847

Reorganized and redesignated 13 February 1901 as the 22d Company, Coast Artillery, Artillery Corps

Redesignated 2 February 1907 as the 22d Company, Coast Artillery Corps

Redesignated 6 July 1916 as the 1st Company, Fort Barrancas [Florida]

Redesignated 31 August 1917 as the 5th Company, Coast Defenses of Pensacola

Redesignated 1 June 1922 as the 22d Company, Coast Artillery Corps

Redesignated 1 July 1924 as Battery A, 2d Coast Artillery, and inactivated at Pensacola, Florida

Activated 1 September 1935 at Fort Monroe, Virginia

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1944 as Battery A, 2d Coast Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1945 as Battery A, Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay

Inactivated 20 July 1946 at Fort Story, Virginia

Redesignated 28 June 1950 as Battery A, 2d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

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Redesignated 27 February 1951 as Battery A, 2d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, an element of the 1st Armored Division

Activated 7 March 1951 at Fort Bliss, Texas

Consolidated 20 March 1951 with Battery A, 434th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (see ANNEX), and consolidated unit designated as Battery A, 2d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Redesignated 20 May 1953 as Battery A, 2d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 15 February 1957 at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and relieved from assignment to the 1st Armored Division

Redesignated 20 August 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2d Artillery (organic elements concurrently constituted)

Activated 1 September 1958 in Germany

Inactivated 21 March 1960 in Germany

(Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2d Artillery, consolidated 15 December 1961 with Battery A, 2d Field Artillery Battalion [organized in 1901], and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2d Artillery)

Redesignated 25 April 1966 as the 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery

Activated 1 June 1966 at Fort Bliss, Texas

Inactivated 23 June 1971 at Fort Lewis, Washington

Redesignated (less former Battery A, 2d Field Artillery Battalion) 1 September 1971 as the 5th Battalion, 2d Air Defense Artillery (former Battery A, 2d Field Artillery Battalion, concurrently redesignated as the 4th Battalion, 2d Field Artillery - hereafter separate lineage)

Activated 16 August 1991 in Germany

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ANNEX

Constituted 31 January 1942 in the Army of the United States as Battery A, 434th Coast Artillery Battalion

Activated 1 March 1942 at Camp Hulen, Texas

Redesignated 5 December 1943 as Battery A, 434th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Disbanded 14 January 1945 in Italy

Reconstituted 20 March 1951 in the Regular Army

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

War of 1812

Canada

Indian Wars

Seminoles

Mexican War

Palo Alto

Resaca de la Palma

Monterey

Vera Cruz

Cerro Gordo

Contreras

Churubusco

Molino del Rey

Chapultepec

Tamaulipas 1846

Puebla 1847

Civil War

* Bull Run

* Peninsula

* Antietam

* Fredericksburg

* Chancellorsville

* Gettysburg

* Wilderness

* Spotsylvania

Cold Harbor

* Petersburg

* Shenandoah

* Appomattox

Florida 1861

Florida 1862

Virginia 1861

* Virginia 1862

* Virginia 1863

* Virginia 1865

* Maryland 1862

* Maryland 1863

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World War II

- * Tunisia
- * Naples-Foggia
Anzio
- * Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France
- * North Apennines
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
England 1944

Vietnam

- * 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

DECORATIONS

* Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1968

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

* Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1969

* Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1971

Battery A additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969

Battery B additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970

5th BATTALION, 2d AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY

Battery C additionally entitled to:

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

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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