



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

2d BATTALION, 501st INFANTRY REGIMENT

Constituted 16 September 1940 in the Army of the United States as Company B, 501st Parachute Battalion

Activated 1 October 1940 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Consolidated 24 February 1942 with Company B, 501st Parachute Infantry (concurrently constituted in the Army of the United States), and consolidated unit designated as Company B, 501st Parachute Infantry

Inactivated 2 November 1942 in Australia

Activated 15 November 1942 at Camp Toccoa, Georgia

Disbanded 20 August 1945 in Germany

Reconstituted 1 August 1946 in the Army of the United States as Company B, 501st Infantry Battalion, and activated at Fort Benning, Georgia

Inactivated 23 November 1948 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Redesignated 21 April 1951 as Company B, 501st Airborne Infantry, and allotted to the Regular Army

Activated 10 May 1951 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 December 1953 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

(501st Airborne Infantry assigned 27 April 1954 to the 101st Airborne Division)

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Activated 15 May 1954 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Inactivated 25 April 1957 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and relieved from assignment to the 101st Airborne Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Airborne Battle Group, 501st Infantry, assigned to the 82d Airborne Division, and activated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Relieved 1 February 1964 from assignment to the 82d Airborne Division and assigned to the 101st Airborne Division

Reorganized and redesignated 3 February 1964 as the 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry

Inactivated 31 July 1972 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment

Assigned 16 October 2013 to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division, and activated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

- * American Theater,
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- * Asiatic-Pacific Theater,
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- * Normandy (with arrowhead)
- * Rhineland (with arrowhead)
- * Ardennes-Alsace
- * Central Europe

Vietnam

- * 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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DECORATIONS

*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY

*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE

*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DONG AP BIA MOUNTAIN

*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

*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 1968

*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 C additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered THUA THIEN PROVINCE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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