



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTALION
UNITED STATES ARMY SOUTHERN EUROPEAN
TASK FORCE, AFRICA
(LION'S PRIDE)**

Organized 5 July 1945 in the Regular Army in Austria as United States Forces, Austria

Redesignated 25 October 1955 as Southern European Task Force

Redesignated 1 June 1957 as United States Army Southern European Task Force

Discontinued 20 October 1978 in Italy

Organized 16 October 1980 in Italy as United States Army Southern European Task Force

Reorganized and redesignated 16 October 1999 as Headquarters, United States Army Southern European Task Force

Consolidated 26 January 2012 with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Ninth Army; consolidated unit designated as Headquarters, United States Army Africa/Southern European Task Force

Reorganized and redesignated 16 June 2012 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, United States Army Africa/Southern European Task Force

Former Ninth Army part withdrawn and inactivated 1 October 2020; remaining unit concurrently reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, United States Army Southern European Task Force, Africa (former Ninth Army part – hereafter separate lineage)

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

War on Terrorism
Afghanistan:
Consolidation I

DECORATIONS

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2014-2016

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2023-2024

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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