



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**1st BATTALION, 51st AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY
REGIMENT**

Constituted 12 April 1808 in the Regular Army as a company in the Regiment of Light Artillery

Organized in 1808 as Captain Joseph Chandler's Company of Light Artillery, Regiment of Light Artillery, at Fort Preble, Maine

Redesignated 20 April 1809 as Captain Thomas Pitts' Company of Light Artillery, Regiment of Light Artillery

Redesignated in 1813 as Captain Benjamin Branch's Company of Light Artillery, Regiment of Light Artillery

Redesignated in 1815 as Captain John N. McIntosh's Company of Light Artillery, Regiment of Light Artillery

Redesignated in April 1815 as Captain Andrew McDowell's Company of Light Artillery, Regiment of Light Artillery

Redesignated 22 May 1816 as Company A, Light Artillery, Regiment of Light Artillery

Redesignated 1 June 1821 as Company A, 1st Regiment of Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 13 February 1901 as the 1st Company, Coast Artillery, Artillery Corps

Redesignated 2 February 1907 as the 1st Company, Coast Artillery Corps

Redesignated in 1916 as the 1st Company, Fort McKinley, Maine

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Redesignated 21 July 1917 as Battery A, 6th Provisional Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps

Redesignated 5 February 1918 as Battery A, 51st Artillery (Coast Artillery Corps)

(Additionally designated 1 June 1922 as the 1st Company, Coast Artillery Corps; additional designation abolished 1 July 1924)

Redesignated 1 July 1924 as Battery A, 51st Coast Artillery

Inactivated 11 March 1930 at Fort Eustis, Virginia

Activated 16 March 1942 in Puerto Rico

Reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1944 as Battery A, 51st Coast Artillery Battalion

Disbanded 28 February 1946 at Port of Spain, Trinidad

Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army; concurrently consolidated with Battery A, 51st Field Artillery Battalion (see an ANNEX) and consolidated unit designated as Battery A, 51st Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 6th Infantry Division

Activated 4 October 1950 at Fort Ord, California

Inactivated 3 April 1956 at Fort Ord, California, and relieved from assignment to the 6th Infantry Division

Redesignated 12 August 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Missile Battalion, 51st Artillery (organic elements concurrently constituted)

Activated 1 September 1958 at Plainville, Connecticut

Inactivated 25 March 1961 at Plainville, Connecticut

Redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 1st Battalion, 51st Air Defense Artillery

Activated 13 September 1972 at Highlands, New Jersey

Inactivated 4 June 1973 at Highlands, New Jersey

Assigned 21 December 1975 to the 7th Infantry Division and activated at Fort Ord, California

Inactivated 16 August 1986 at Fort Ord, California

1st BATTALION, 51st AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY REGIMENT

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 1st Battalion, 51st Air Defense Artillery Regiment

Activated 16 September 2022 at Fort Lewis, Washington

ANNEX

Constituted 1 October 1933 in the Regular Army as Battery A, 51st Field Artillery

Redesignated 1 October 1940 as Battery A, 51st Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 6th Division (later redesignated as the 6th Infantry Division), and activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Inactivated 20 July 1947 in Korea

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

War of 1812

*Canada

Indian Wars

*Seminoles

Civil War

*Mississippi River

*Florida 1861

*Florida 1862

*Louisiana 1864

World War I

*St. Mihiel

Meuse-Argonne

*Lorraine 1918

World War II

*American Theater,
Streamer without inscription

*Luzon (with arrowhead)

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland


Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

DECORATIONS

*Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (earned by Battery A, 51st Field Artillery Battalion)

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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