



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**20th SPECIAL FORCES GROUP  
1st SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT**

Constituted 5 July 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 2d Company, 1st Battalion, Third Regiment, 1st Special Service Force, a combined Canadian-American organization

Activated 9 July 1942 at Fort William Henry Harrison, Montana

Disbanded 6 January 1945 in France

Reconstituted 15 April 1960 in the Regular Army; concurrently consolidated with Company B, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (activated 1 September 1943), and consolidated unit redesignated as Headquarters, 20th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces

Withdrawn 8 July 1961 from the Regular Army and allotted to the Army National Guard; concurrently group organized from existing units in Alabama with Headquarters at Homewood

Reorganized 15 February – 22 September 1963 to consist of elements in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi; location of Headquarters changed 15 April 1963 to Birmingham, Alabama

Reorganized 15 January -1 March 1966 to consist of elements in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and North Carolina

Reorganized 1 December 1967 -1 August 1968 to consist of elements in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi

Reorganized 1 September -1 October 1972 to consist of elements in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Rhode Island and Maryland

Reorganized 15 September 1978 -1 April 1979 to consist of elements in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and Maryland

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(Former Company B, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion, withdrawn 3 February 1986, consolidated with Company I, 75th Infantry, and consolidated unit redesignated as Company I, 75th Ranger Regiment - hereafter separate lineage)

Ordered into active Federal service 20 February 1991 at home stations; released from active Federal service 23 May 1991 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 September 2000 to consist of elements in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Virginia

Ordered into active Federal service 5 August 2002 at home stations; released from active Federal service 25 June 2003 and reverted to state control

(1st Special Forces Battalion ordered into active Federal service 15 August 2002 at home stations)

(2d Special Forces Battalion ordered into active Federal service 27 January 2003 at home stations)

(1st Special Forces Battalion released from active Federal service 15 August 2003 and reverted to state control)

(2d Special Forces Battalion released from active Federal service 26 January 2004 and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 September 2004 to consist of elements in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, and North Carolina

(2d Special Forces Battalion ordered into active Federal service 24 September 2005 at home stations)

(1st Special Forces redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 1st Special Forces Regiment)

(2d Special Forces Battalion released from active Federal service 23 September 2006 and reverted to state control)

(2d Special Forces Battalion ordered into active Federal service 20 March 2009 at home stations; released from active Federal service 23 April 2010 and reverted to state control)

(3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 1 May 2010 at home stations)

Ordered into active Federal service 1 November 2010 at home stations

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(1st Special Forces Battalion ordered into active Federal service 9 December 2010 at home stations)

(3d Battalion released from active Federal service 4 June 2011 and reverted to state control)

Released from active Federal service 5 December 2011 and reverted to state control

(1st Special Forces Battalion released from active Federal service 12 January 2012 and reverted to state control)

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

#### World War II

Aleutian Islands

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

Southern France (with arrowhead)

Rhineland

#### War on Terrorism

*Afghanistan:*

Consolidation III

(additional campaigns to be determined)

Headquarters Detachment (Huntsville, Alabama), 1st Special Forces Battalion, additionally entitled to:

#### Korean War

First UN Counteroffensive

CCF Spring Offensive

UN Summer -Fall Offensive

Second Korean Winter Korea,

Summer-Fall 1952

Third Korean Winter

Korea, Summer 1953

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Company B (Mobile, Alabama), 1st Special Forces Battalion, additionally entitled to:

World War II  
Ardennes -Alsace  
Central Europe

2d Special Forces Battalion additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism  
*Afghanistan:*  
Consolidation I  
Consolidation II

**DECORATIONS**

Headquarters Detachment (Huntsville, Alabama), 1st Special Forces Battalion, entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered KOREA

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1950-1952

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1951-1954

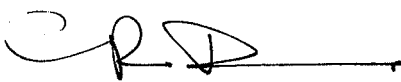
2d Special Forces Battalion entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2006

3d Special Forces Battalion entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2011-2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
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