



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**1st BATTALION, 26th INFANTRY REGIMENT
(BLUE SPADERS)**

Organized 25 December 1900 in the Regular Army at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, as Company A, 1st Provisional Battalion of Infantry

Consolidated 7 February 1901 with Company A, 26th Infantry (constituted 2 February 1901 in the Regular Army), and consolidated unit designated as Company A, 26th Infantry

(26th Infantry assigned 8 June 1917 to the 1st Expeditionary Division [later redesignated as the 1st Infantry Division])

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battle Group, 26th Infantry, and remained assigned to the 1st Infantry Division (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Relieved 14 April 1959 from assignment to the 1st Infantry Division and assigned to the 8th Infantry Division

Relieved 24 October 1962 from assignment to the 8th Infantry Division and assigned to the 2d Infantry Division

Relieved 15 February 1963 from assignment to the 2d Infantry Division and assigned to the 1st Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 13 January 1964 as the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry

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Inactivated 24 February 1983 in Germany and relieved from assignment to the 1st Infantry Division

Headquarters transferred 3 April 1987 to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command and activated at Fort Dix, New Jersey

Inactivated 15 January 1996 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and withdrawn from the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

Battalion assigned 16 February 1996 to the 1st Infantry Division and activated in Germany

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment

Relieved 16 March 2008 from assignment to the 1st Infantry Division and assigned to the 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

Inactivated 15 July 2014 at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and relieved from assignment to the 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

Assigned 16 April 2015 to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Philippine Insurrection

*Streamer without inscription

World War I

*Montdidier-Noyon

*Aisne-Marne

*St. Mihiel

*Meuse-Argonne

*Lorraine 1917

*Lorraine 1918

*Picardy 1918

World War II

*Algeria-French Morocco
(with arrowhead)

*Tunisia

*Sicily (with arrowhead)

*Normandy (with arrowhead)

*Northern France

*Rhineland

*Ardennes-Alsace

*Central Europe

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Vietnam

- * Defense
- * Counteroffensive
- * 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

War on Terrorism

Afghanistan:

- * Consolidation III

Iraq:

- * Transition of Iraq
- * Iraqi Governance

(Additional campaigns
to be determined)

DECORATIONS

*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered STOLBERG

*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered ADHAMIYAH DISTRICT,
BAGHDAD 2006-2007

*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered AP GU

*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered SAMARRA, IRAQ

*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered SAMARRA, IRAQ (OCT-NOV 2004)

*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered KUNAR PROVINCE 2008

*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
2010-2011

*Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1996-1997

*French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, Streamer embroidered AISNE -
MARNE

*French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, Streamer embroidered MEUSE -
ARGONNE

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*French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered KASSERINE

*French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered NORMANDY

*French Medaille Militaire, Fourragere

*Belgian Fourragere 1940

*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at Mons

*Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at Eupen-Malmedy

*Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM
1965-1968

*Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered
VIETNAM 1965-1970

Company B additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered AL ANBAR PROVINCE FEB-OCT
2007

Navy Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered ANBAR PROVINCE FEB 2006-
FEB 2007

Company C additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
JUL 2013-FEB 2014

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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