



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**1st BATTALION, 501st INFANTRY REGIMENT**

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

Activated 1 October 1940 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Consolidated 24 February 1942 with Company A, 501st Parachute Infantry (concurrently constituted in the Army of the United States), and consolidated unit designated as Company A, 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 A, 501st Infantry Battalion, and activated at Fort Benning, Georgia

Inactivated 23 November 1948 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Redesignated 21 April 1951 as Company A, 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 Infantry assigned 27 April 1954 to the 101st Airborne Division)

Activated 15 May 1954 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

## **1st BATTALION, 501st INFANTRY REGIMENT**

Reorganized and redesignated 25 April 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 501st Infantry, and remained assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

Reorganized and redesignated 3 February 1964 as the 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry

Inactivated 5 June 1984 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and relieved from assignment to the 101st Airborne Division

Assigned 16 October 1989 to the 6th Infantry Division and activated at Fort Richardson, Alaska

Relieved 16 April 1998 from assignment to the 6th Infantry Division and assigned to the 172d Infantry Brigade

Relieved 16 July 2005 from assignment to the 172d Infantry Brigade and assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division

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

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

#### World War II

- \* Asiatic-Pacific Theater,  
Streamers without inscription
- \* 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

# **1st BATTALION, 501st INFANTRY REGIMENT**

War on Terrorism  
Campaigns to be determined

## **DECORATIONS**

- \*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY
- \*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE
- \*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2007
- \*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

## **1st BATTALION, 501st INFANTRY REGIMENT**

\*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 B additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered AL ANBAR PROVINCE, IRAQ

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered BABIL PROVINCE, IRAQ

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
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