



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
*Lineage and Honors*

**1st BATTALION, 502d INFANTRY REGIMENT**

Constituted 14 March 1941 in the Army of the United States as Company A, 502d Parachute Battalion

Activated 1 July 1941 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Consolidated 24 February 1942 with Company A, 502d Parachute Infantry (concurrently constituted in the Army of the United States), and consolidated unit designated as Company A, 502d Parachute Infantry

(502d Parachute Infantry assigned 15 August 1942 to the 101st Airborne Division)

Inactivated 30 November 1945 in France

Redesignated 18 June 1948 as Company A, 502d Airborne Infantry

Allotted 25 June 1948 to the Regular Army

Activated 6 July 1948 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 April 1949 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Activated 25 August 1950 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 December 1953 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

Activated 15 May 1954 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Reorganized and redesignated 25 April 1957 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 502d Infantry, and remained assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (organic elements concurrently constituted and activated)

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Reorganized and redesignated 3 February 1964 as the 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry

Relieved 16 September 2004 from assignment to the 101st Airborne Division and assigned to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment

## **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

### World War II

- \* 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

### Southwest Asia

- \* Defense of Saudi Arabia
- \* Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

### War on Terrorism

#### Afghanistan:

- \* Consolidation III

(Additional campaigns  
to be determined)

## **DECORATIONS**

- \* Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY
- \* Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BASTOGNE
- \* Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered KANDAHAR PROVINCE
- \* Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUANG THUONG DISTRICT
- \* Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered BAGHDAD 2007-2008

## **1st BATTALION, 502d INFANTRY REGIMENT**

\*Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered KANDAHAR PROVINCE 2010

\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA  
1990-1991

\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003

\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005-2006

\*Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN  
2014

\*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

\*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

**BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:**



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