



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**44th AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY**

Organized 26 March 1918 in the Regular Army from existing units in France as the Howitzer Regiment, 30th Brigade, Coast Artillery Corps

Redesignated 7 August 1918 as the 44th Artillery (Coast Artillery Corps)

Inactivated 31 August 1921 at Camp Jackson, South Carolina

Redesignated 1 July 1924 as the 44th Coast Artillery

Redesignated 13 January 1941 as the 54th Coast Artillery

Activated 10 February 1941 at Camp Wallace, Texas

Regiment broken up 28 February - 5 June 1944 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery on 5 June 1944 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 152d Coast Artillery Group

1st Battalion on 5 June 1944 as the 606th Coast Artillery Battalion

2d Battalion on 28 February 1944 as the 49th Coast Artillery Battalion

3d Battalion on 5 June 1944 as the 607th Coast Artillery Battalion

After 5 June 1944 the above units underwent changes as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 152d Coast Artillery Group, disbanded 3 August 1944 at Camp Livingston, Louisiana

Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 54th Field Artillery Group

Activated 17 January 1955 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Redesignated 21 June 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 54th Artillery Group

Inactivated 7 November 1969 in Vietnam

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606th Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 3 August 1944 at Camp Livingston, Louisiana

Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army; concurrently consolidated with the 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (active) (see ANNEX 1) and consolidated unit designated as the 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 3d Armored Division

Inactivated 1 October 1957 in Germany and relieved from assignment to the 3d Armored Division

49th Coast Artillery Battalion inactivated 20 January 1946 in the Philippine Islands

Consolidated 28 June 1950 with the 49th Field Artillery Battalion (active) (see ANNEX 2) and consolidated unit designated as the 49th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 7th Infantry Division

Inactivated 1 July 1957 in Korea and relieved from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division

607th Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 31 July 1944 at Camp Rucker, Alabama

Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army; concurrently consolidated with the 44th Field Artillery Battalion (active) (see ANNEX 3) and consolidated unit designated as the 44th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 4th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 54th Artillery Group; 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion; and the 49th and 44th Field Artillery Battalions consolidated, reorganized, and redesignated 7 November 1969 as the 44th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System

Redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 44th Air Defense Artillery

Withdrawn 16 March 1988 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

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## ANNEX 1

Constituted 1 October 1933 in the Regular Army as the 54th Field Artillery

Redesignated 13 January 1941 as the 54th Field Artillery Battalion and assigned to the 3d Armored Division

Activated 15 April 1941 at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1942 as the 54th Field Artillery Battalion

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Inactivated 10 November 1945 in Germany

Activated 15 July 1947 at Fort Knox, Kentucky

### ANNEX 2

Constituted 1 October 1933 in the Regular Army as the 49th Field Artillery

Redesignated 1 June 1941 as the 49th Field Artillery Battalion, assigned to the 7th Division (later redesignated as the 7th Infantry Division), and activated at Fort Ord, California

Inactivated 20 July 1947 in Korea

Activated 20 March 1949 in Japan

### ANNEX 3

Constituted 1 October 1933 in the Regular Army as the 2d Battalion, 47th Field Artillery

Activated 1 June 1941 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Reorganized and redesignated 17 December 1941 as the 44th Field Artillery Battalion and assigned to the 4th Motorized Division (later redesignated as the 4th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 18 February 1946 at Camp Butner, North Carolina

Activated 15 July 1947 at Fort Ord, California

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### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

#### World War I

Champagne-Marne

St. Mihiel

Lorraine 1918

Alsace 1918

Champagne 1918

#### World War II

Normandy (with arrowhead)

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardenes-Alsace

Central Europe

Aleutian Islands (with arrowhead)

Northern Solomons

Eastern Mandates

Leyte

Ryukyus

## 44th AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY

### Korean War

UN Defensive  
UN Offensive  
CCF Intervention  
First UN Counteroffensive  
CCF Spring Offensive  
UN Summer-Fall Offensive  
Second Korean Winter  
Korea, Summer-Fall 1952  
Third Korean Winter  
Korea, Summer 1953

### Vietnam

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  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase VII  
Consolidation I  
Consolidation II

### Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

## DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BEACHES OF NORMANDY

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered ST. LO

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1967

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUANG TRI-THUA THIEN

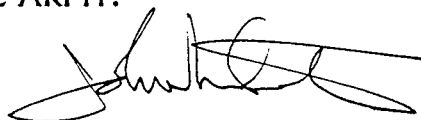
Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1967

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1969

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1978-1980

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1969

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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