

Department of the army Lineage and Honors

# 112th CAVALRY REGIMENT (FIRST TEXAS CAVALRY)

Constituted 3 December 1920 in the Texas National Guard as the 1st Cavalry

Organized during 1920-1921 from existing units in north central Texas; Headquarters Federally recognized 16 December 1920 at Fort Worth

Redesignated 20 July 1921 as the 112th Cavalry

Inducted into Federal service 18 November 1940 at home stations

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1944 as the 112th Cavalry, Special

Inactivated 1 January 1946 in Japan

Regiment broken up 2 July 1946 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 56th Cavalry Group, Mechanized (Headquarters Troop--hereafter a separate lineage)

1st Squadron as the 112th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron

2d Squadron as the 145th Tank Battalion and assigned to the 49th Armored Division

After 2 July 1946, the above units underwent changes as follows:

Headquarters, 56th Cavalry Group, Mechanized, reorganized and Federally recognized 23 May 1947 in the Texas National Guard at San Antonio as Headquarters, 56th Cavalry Group

Reorganized and redesignated 15 September 1949 as Headquarters, 112th Armored Cavalry

112th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron reorganized and Federally recognized 13 November 1947 in the Texas Army National Guard with Headquarters at San Benito

Redesignated 12 September 1949 as the 1st Battalion, 112th Armored Cavalry

145th Tank Battalion reorganized and Federally recognized 1 November 1946 in the Texas National Guard with Headquarters at Fort Worth and assigned to the 49th Armored Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1949 as the 145th Tank Battalion Redesignated 1 October 1952 as the 155th Medium Tank Battalion Redesignated 1 December 1952 as the 155th Tank Battalion

1st Battalion, 112th Armored Cavalry; 155th, 156th, and 249th Tank Battalions (see ANNEXES 1-3); 649th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (see ANNEX 4); and the 3d Battalion, 112th Armored Cavalry (organized and Federally recognized 9 February 1951 with Headquarters at San Juan), consolidated 16 March 1959 with Headquarters, 112th Armored Cavalry and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as the 112th Armor, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Medium Tank Battalions and the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron, elements of the 49th Armored Division

(1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Medium Tank Battalions and the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron ordered into active Federal service 15 October 1961 at home stations; released from active Federal service 9 August 1962 and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 March 1963 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th Battalions, elements of the 49th Armored Division, and the 6th and 7th Battalions, elements of the 36th Infantry Division

Reorganized 15 February 1968 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 72d Infantry Brigade, and the 2d and 3d Battalions, nondivisional units

Reorganized 1 November 1973 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th Battalions, elements of the 49th Armored Division

Withdrawn 1 August 1987 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System with Headquarters at Dallas

Reorganized 1 June 1988 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Battalions, elements of the 49th Armored Division

Reorganized 1 September 1992 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th Battalions, elements of the 49th Armored Division

Reorganized 1 September 1995 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th Battalions

(1st and 5th Battalions ordered into active Federal service 1 August 2002 at home stations; released from active Federal service 31 July 2003 and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 May 2004 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th Battalions, elements of the 36th Infantry Division (2d and 3d Battalions ordered into active Federal service 15 August 2004 at home stations; released from active Federal service 10 February 2006 and reverted to state control)

(4th Battalion ordered into active Federal service 18 August 2005 at home stations; released from active Federal service 13 February 2007 and reverted to state control)

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 112th Armored Regiment

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2008 as the 112th Cavalry Regiment, to consist of the 1st Squadron, an element of the 72d Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 1 October 2009 at home stations; released from active Federal service 14 October 2010 and reverted to state control

#### ANNEX 1

Organized 15 October 1917 from existing units in the Texas National Guard in Federal service as the 2d Battalion, 144th Infantry, an element of the 36th Division

Demobilized 21 June 1919 at Camp Bowie, Texas

Reorganized 1921-1922 in the Texas National Guard as the 2d Battalion, 144th Infantry, an element of the 36th Division; Headquarters Federally recognized 19 May 1922 at Dallas

Inducted into Federal service 25 November 1940 at home stations

(144th Infantry relieved 1 February 1942 from assignment to the 36th Division)

Inactivated 20 September 1945 at Camp Rucker, Alabama

Consolidated 2 July 1946 with Company B, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion (see ANNEX 2); consolidated unit redesignated as the 146th Tank Battalion and assigned to the 49th Armored Division

Organized and Federally recognized 12 February 1947 in the Texas National Guard with Headquarters at Dallas

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1949 as the 146th Medium Tank Battalion

Redesignated 1 October 1952 as the 156th Medium Tank Battalion

Redesignated 1 December 1952 as the 156th Tank Battalion

#### ANNEX 2

Constituted 3 December 1941 in the Army of the United States as Company B, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Organized 15 December 1941 at Camp Bowie, Texas, from antiaircraft and antitank elements of the 132d Field Artillery

(636th Tank Destroyer Battalion allotted 17 February 1942 to the Texas National Guard)

Inactivated 4 December 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts

#### ANNEX 3

Constituted 3 December 1941 in the Army of the United States as Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Organized 15 December 1941 at Camp Bowie, Texas, from antiaircraft and antitank elements of the 131st Field Artillery

(636th Tank Destroyer Battalion allotted 17 February 1942 to the Texas National Guard)

Inactivated 4 December 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts

Expanded, reorganized, and Federally recognized 1 March 1949 in the Texas Army National Guard as the 249th Heavy Tank Battalion, with Headquarters at Fort Worth, and assigned to the 49th Armored Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1950 as the 249th Tank Battalion

### ANNEX 4

Constituted 2 July 1946 in the Texas National Guard as the 239th Field Artillery Battalion

Organized and Federally recognized 3 June 1947 with Headquarters at Temple

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1949 as the 649th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion and assigned to the 49th Armored Division

Redesignated 1 October 1954 as the 649th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

<u>World War II</u> New Guinea Bismarck Archipelago (with arrowhead) Leyte Luzon

War on Terrorism Campaigns to be determined

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (Bryan), 1st Squadron, additionally entitled to:

<u>World War II</u> Leyte (with arrowhead) Ryukyus (with arrowhead)

Troop A (Taylor), 1st Squadron, additionally entitled to:

World War II Naples-Foggia (with arrowhead) Anzio Rome-Arno Northern France Southern France (with arrowhead) Rhineland Ardennes-Alsace Central Europe

### DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 2005-2006

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2005

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945

Troop A (Taylor), 1st Squadron additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered RIBEAUVILLE

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Streamer embroidered VOSGES

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