



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

## Lineage and Honors

### **257th ARMY BAND (THE BAND OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL)**

Organized and Federally recognized 5 February 1924 in the District of Columbia National Guard at Washington, D.C., as the Band Section, Headquarters and Service Company, 121st Engineers, an element of the 29th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 15 May 1940 as the Band, 121st Engineers

Inducted into Federal service 3 February 1941 at Washington, D.C.

Reorganized and redesignated 12 March 1942 as the Band, 135th Engineers, and relieved from assignment to the 29th Division

Inactivated 31 May 1943 at Fort Read, Trinidad, British West Indies

Consolidated 3 March 1947 with the 257th Army Ground Forces Band (see ANNEX) and consolidated unit designated as the 257th Army Ground Forces Band; concurrently, reorganized and Federally recognized at Washington, D.C.

Redesignated 17 May 1947 as the 257th Army Band

Consolidated 1 March 1959 with the 91st Army Band (organized and Federally recognized 23 November 1953 at Washington, D.C.) and consolidated unit designated as the 257th Army Band

Ordered into active Federal service 5 April 1968 at Washington, D.C.; released from active Federal service 16 April 1968 and reverted to District of Columbia control

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ANNEX

Organized and Federally recognized 12 January 1939 in the District of Columbia National Guard at Washington, D.C., as the Band Section, Service Battery, 260th Coast Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1940 as the Band, 260th Coast Artillery

Inducted into Federal service 6 January 1941 at Washington, D.C.

Reorganized and redesignated 10 December 1943 as the 257th Army Band

Reorganized and redesignated 23 May 1944 as the 257th Army Ground Forces Band

Inactivated 25 May 1946 on Adak Island, Alaska

HOME STATION: Washington, D.C.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None

DECORATIONS

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2008-2009

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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