



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
*Lineage and Honors*

**40th ARMY BAND**

Organized in 1907 in the Vermont National Guard at Brattleboro as the Band, 1st Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated in 1916 as the Band Section, Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry

Redesignated 1 October 1921 as the Band Section, Headquarters Company, 172d Infantry, an element of the 43d Division (later redesignated as the 43d Infantry Division)

Federally recognized 1 June 1922 as the Band, Service Section, 172d Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1940 as the Band, 172d Infantry

Inducted into Federal service 24 February 1941 at Brattleboro

Disbanded 1 December 1943 in the Solomon Islands

Reconstituted 25 August 1945 in the Vermont National Guard as the Band, 172d Infantry; concurrently consolidated with the 43d Infantry Division Band (Vermont part)

Consolidated 27 March 1947 with the 40th Army Ground Forces Band (see ANNEX) and consolidated unit reorganized and Federally recognized in the Vermont National Guard at Rutland as the 40th Army Ground Forces Band

Redesignated 17 May 1947 as the 40th Army Band

Location changed 1 October 1954 to Proctor

Location changed 1 February 1964 to Burlington

Location changed on 1 October 1990 to Colchester

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### ANNEX

Constituted 5 May 1942 in the Army of the United States as the Band, 353d Engineer Regiment

Activated 20 August 1942 at Camp White, Oregon

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1944 as the 398th Army Service Forces Band

Inactivated 10 November 1945 in Japan

Redesignated 3 July 1946 as the 40th Army Ground Forces Band and allotted to the Vermont National Guard

HOME STATION: Colchester

### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II


Northern Solomons (with arrowhead)

Luzon

### DECORATIONS

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

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
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