

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

126th AVIATION REGIMENT

Organized and Federally recognized 19-21 February 1922 in the Massachusetts National Guard as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 104th Infantry

Redesignated 1 April 1923 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 181st Infantry, an element of the 26th Division

(location of Headquarters Company changed in January 1934 to Fitchburg)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1940 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 2d Battalion, 181st Infantry; concurrently, location changed to Fitchburg

Inducted into Federal service 16 January 1941 at Fitchburg

(26th Division redesignated 12 February 1942 as the 26th Infantry Division)

Reorganized and redesignated 6 July 1942 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 181st Infantry

(181st Infantry relieved 27 January 1943 from assignment to the 26th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 8 February 1944 at Fort Dix, New Jersey

Consolidated 8 July 1946 with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 328th Infantry (see ANNEX 1), and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 181st Infantry; concurrently, assigned to the 26th Infantry Division

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Reorganized and Federally recognized 16 April 1947 at Fitchburg

Converted and redesignated 1 May 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 226th Transportation Battalion, an element of the 26th Infantry Division

Expanded, converted and redesignated 1 March 1963 as the 26th Aviation Battalion

26th Aviation Battalion broken up 1 October 1986 and its elements reorganized as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company as Headquarters and Company, Aviation Brigade, 26th Infantry Division (hereafter separate lineage); Company A as the 164th Aviation Company; Company B as the 963d Aviation Company; Company E as the 1220th Transportation Company (remainder of battalion, hereafter separate lineages)

164th Aviation Company, 963d Aviation Company, 1220th Transportation Company, and the 122d Aviation Battalion (see ANNEX 2) consolidated 1 October 1987 to form the 126th Aviation, a parent regiment under the United States Army Regimental System, organized in the Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts Army National Guard, with Headquarters at North Kingstown, Rhode Island, to consist of the 1st Battalion, Companies D, E, and F, elements of the 26th Infantry Division, and Company G

Reorganized 1 September 1990 in the Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont Army National Guard to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions and Company E, elements of the 26th Infantry Division, and Company G

Reorganized 1 September 1993 in the Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont Army National Guard to consist of the 1st Battalion, Company F, and the 2d Battalion, an element of the 42d Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 September 1996 in the Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont Army National Guard to consist of the 1st Battalion, the 2d Battalion, an element of the 42d Infantry Division, and Companies E and F

Reorganized 1 September 1999 in the Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Vermont Army National Guard to consist of the 1st Battalion, the 2d Battalion, an element of the 42d Infantry Division, the 3d Battalion, and Companies E and F

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Reorganized 1 November 2002 in the Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, and South Carolina Army National Guard to consist of the 1st Battalion, the 3d Battalion, an element of the 29th Infantry Division, Company C, and Company G

(1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 28 October 2004 at home stations)

(3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 8 August 2005 at home stations)

Reorganized 1 May – 1 September 2005 in the Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, South Carolina, and Vermont Army National Guard to consist of the 1st Battalion, the 3d Battalion, an element of the 29th Infantry Division, and Company D

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 126th Aviation Regiment

(Company D ordered into active Federal service 8 October 2005 at North Kingstown, Rhode Island)

(1st Battalion released from active Federal service 25 April 2006 and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 September 2006 in the Rhode Island, California, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Virgin Islands National Guard to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 28th Infantry Division, the 3d Battalion, an element of the 42d Infantry Division, and Company D

(Company D released from active Federal service 10 January 2007 and reverted to state control)

(3d Battalion released from active Federal service 3 February 2007 and reverted to state control)

(Company D ordered into active Federal service 28 November 2007 at North Kingstown, Rhode Island; released from active Federal service 24 July 2008 and reverted to state control)

(3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 12 May 2010 at home stations; released from active Federal service 11 May 2011 and reverted to state control)

(Company D ordered into active Federal service 10 August 2011 at North Kingstown, Rhode Island)

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(1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 27 November 2011 at home stations)

(Company D released from active Federal service 27 January 2012 and reverted to state control)

ANNEX 1

Organized in January 1922 in the Organized Reserves in Florida as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 328th Infantry, an element of the 82d Division

Inactivated 30 January 1942

Activated 12 February 1943 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and assigned to the 26th Infantry Division

Inactivated 29 December 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts, and relieved from assignment to the 26th Infantry Division

ANNEX 2

Organized and Federally recognized 18 November 1946 in the Rhode Island National Guard at Providence as the Medical Detachment, 43d Division Artillery

Ordered into active Federal service 5 September 1950 at Providence (Medical Detachment, 43d Division Artillery [NGUS], organized and Federally recognized 2 December 1952 at Providence)

Released 15 June 1954 from active Federal service and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the Medical Detachment, 43d Division Artillery (NGUS)

Converted and redesignated 1 April 1959 as the 43d Aviation Company and remained assigned to the 43d Infantry Division; concurrently, location changed to Warwick

Relieved 18 March 1963 from assignment to the 43d Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 1 January 1965 as Battery F, 103d Artillery; on 1 March 1966 as the 43d Medical Company

Converted and redesignated 1 January 1968 as Troop E, 43d Cavalry

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Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1971 as Troop D, 1st Squadron, 26th Cavalry, an element of the 26th Infantry Division

Location changed 1 June 1974 to North Kingstown

Expanded, converted, and redesignated 1 October 1986 as the 122d Aviation Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 26th Infantry Division

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism

(additional campaigns to be determined)

Headquarters Company (Camp Edwards, Massachusetts), 3d Battalion, entitled to:

Civil War

Manassas

Antietam

Fredericksburg

Wilderness

Spotsylvania

Cold Harbor

Petersburg

North Carolina 1862

Louisiana 1863

Tennessee 1863

War With Spain

Puerto Rico

World War I

St. Mihiel

Meuse-Argonne

Lorraine 1918

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Company C (Bangor, Maine), 1st Battalion, entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Campaigns to be determined

Company D (Camp Edwards, Massachusetts), 3d Battalion, entitled to:

Civil War
Louisiana 1863

War With Spain
Puerto Rico

World War I
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Lorraine 1918

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered LUXEMBOURG

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered: IRAQ 2005

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the Ardennes

Company B (Delta Schooners - Stockton, California), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
MAY-DEC 2008

Company C (South Burlington, Vermont), 3d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

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

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ FEB-SEP
2011

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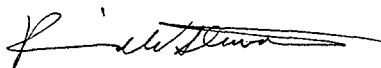
Company F (Camp Edwards, Massachusetts), 3d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2004

Company D (North Kingstown, Rhode Island), additionally entitled to:

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

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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