



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

553d ENGINEER DETACHMENT

Constituted 21 June 1943 in the Army of the United States as the 2008th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon

Activated 1 July 1943 at Bradley Field, Connecticut

Inactivated 31 December 1945 in Germany

Redesignated 4 April 1951 as the 523d Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon, allotted to the Regular Army, and activated at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Reorganized and redesignated 20 October 1953 as the 553d Engineer Detachment

Inactivated 3 December 1954 in France

Activated 29 October 1955 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Inactivated 1 February 1958 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Activated 25 September 1959 in Korea

Inactivated 1 May 1964 in Korea

Activated 25 June 1964 at Fort Devens, Massachusetts

Inactivated 23 August 1968 in Vietnam

Activated 21 June 1976 at Fort Drum, New York

Inactivated 15 September 1987 at Fort Drum, New York

553d ENGINEER DETACHMENT

Activated 16 October 2007 at New York, New York

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Central Europe

Vietnam

Defense

Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase II

Counteroffensive, Phase III

Tet Counteroffensive

Counteroffensive, Phase IV

Counteroffensive, Phase V

War on Terrorism

Campaigns to be determined

DECORATIONS

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

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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