



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**5th ENGINEER BATTALION**

Organized 31 December 1861 in the Regular Army at Washington, District of Columbia, from new and existing companies of engineers as a provisional engineer battalion (constituted 28 July 1866 as the Battalion of Engineers)

Expanded 14 March-7 June 1901 to form the 1st and 2d Battalions of Engineers (1st Battalion of Engineers--hereafter separate lineage)

2d Battalion of Engineers expanded, reorganized, and redesignated 1 July-1 August 1916 as the 2d Regiment of Engineers

2d Regiment of Engineers expanded 21 May-20 June 1917 to form the 2d, 4th, and 5th Regiments of Engineers (2d and 4th Regiments of Engineers--hereafter separate lineages)

5th Regiment of Engineers redesignated 29 August 1917 as the 5th Engineers

Assigned 6 December 1917 to the 7th Division

Inactivated 27 September 1921 at Camp A.A. Humphreys, Virginia

Relieved 11 January 1936 from assignment to the 7th Division and assigned to the 8th Division

Activated 1 February 1936 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Relieved 16 September 1939 from assignment to the 8th Division

Redesignated 1 August 1942 as the 5th Engineer Combat Regiment

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Regiment broken up 27 December 1943 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

2d Battalion as the 1278th Engineer Combat Battalion

(Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Company as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1128th Engineer Combat Group; 1st Battalion as the 1277th Engineer Combat Battalion--hereafter separate lineages)

1278th Engineer Combat Battalion redesignated 23 January 1945 as the 5th Engineer Combat Battalion

Inactivated 26 November 1945 at New York, New York

Activated 5 May 1947 at Fort Lewis, Washington

Redesignated 5 June 1953 as the 5th Engineer Battalion

(Organic elements inactivated 18 May 2007 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Support Company concurrently constituted and activated)

### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Civil War

Peninsula

Antietam

Fredericksburg

Chancellorsville

Wilderness

Spotsylvania

Cold Harbor

Petersburg

Appomattox

Virginia 1863

War with Spain

Santiago

Philippine Insurrection

Streamer without inscription

Mexican Expedition

Mexico 1916-1917

World War I

Lorraine 1918

World War II

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

War on Terrorism

Campaigns to be determined

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### DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2004

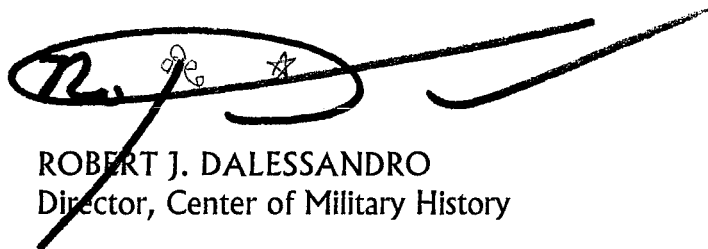
Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA  
1990-1991

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA  
2003

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

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2008-2009

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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