

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Lineage and Honors

**753d ENGINEER BATTALION
(GOVERNOR'S GUARDS)**

Organized 29 July 1857 in the Florida State Troops at Tallahassee as Captain John Parkhill's Company, 1st Regiment of Mounted Florida Volunteers, and mustered into Federal service at Fort Myers, Florida

Mustered out of Federal service 28 January 1858 at Fort Brooke, Florida

Reorganized and redesignated in October 1859 as the Governor's Guards

Reorganized and redesignated in July 1861 as the Howell Guards, Captain George Washington Parkhill commanding

Defected from the Florida Militia 20 August 1861 at Richmond, Virginia

Reorganized and redesignated 20 June 1862 as *Company M (Howell Guards), 2d Florida*

Surrendered 9 April 1865 at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, with the *Army of Northern Virginia*

Reorganized 10 October 1870 in the Florida State Militia as Captain Alexander Moseley's Volunteer Militia Company at Tallahassee

Reorganized and redesignated in 1877 as the Governor's Guards at Tallahassee

Disbanded in 1885

Reorganized in 1887 at Tallahassee as the Governor's Guards

Disbanded in 1890

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Reorganized and redesignated 5 March 1897 as Company C (Governor's Guards),
4th Battalion of Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 16 April 1900 as Company G, 1st Regiment

Redesignated 1900 - 1902 as Company D, 1st Regiment of Infantry Florida State
Troops

Disbanded 15 July 1904 at Tallahassee

Reorganized and redesignated 7 June 1907 as Company C, 1st Regiment of
Infantry

(Florida State Troops redesignated in 1909 as the Florida National Guard)

Redesignated 19 March 1915 as Company I, 1st Florida Infantry

Disbanded 14 June 1916 at Tallahassee

Reconstituted 29 May 1917 at Tallahassee as Company B, 1st Regiment of
Infantry

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917 at Tallahassee

Converted and redesignated 1 October 1917 as the 2d Company, 56th Depot
Brigade

Demobilized 31 October 1917 at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and remainder of
personnel transferred to elements of the 31st Division

Demobilized 1 January 1919 at Camp Gordon, Georgia

Reorganized and Federally recognized 26 June 1924 at Tallahassee as Company M,
124th Infantry, an element of the 31st Infantry Division

Inducted into Federal service 25 November 1940 at Tallahassee

(124th Infantry relieved 15 December 1941 from assignment to the 31st Division)

Inactivated 2 March 1944 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Activated 5 April 1944 in New Guinea as an element of the 31st Infantry Division

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Inactivated 16 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

(124th Infantry relieved 13 June 1946 from assignment to the 31st Infantry Division; assigned 5 July 1946 to the 48th Infantry Division)

Reorganized, redesignated, and Federally recognized 4 February 1947 at Tallahassee as Company A, 124th Infantry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 November 1955 as Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company, 124th Armored Infantry Battalion, an element of the 48th Armored Division

Consolidated 15 April 1959 with the Medical Detachment, 124th Armored Infantry Battalion (organized and Federally recognized 1 November 1955 at Tallahassee), and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 124th Infantry, and remained assigned to the 48th Armored Division

Expanded, converted, and redesignated 15 February 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 260th Engineer Group and Company C, 261st Engineer Battalion (Company C, 261st Engineer Battalion - hereafter a separate lineage); concurrently, relieved from assignment to the 48th Armored Division

Consolidated 20 January 1968 with the 489th Medical Detachment (organized and Federally recognized 1 March 1964 at Tallahassee), and consolidated unit converted and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 53d Signal Group

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1985 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 53d Signal Brigade

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1997 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 417th Signal Battalion

Converted and redesignated 1 September 2007 as the 779th Engineer Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 23 May 2009 at home stations; released from active Federal service 26 June 2010 and reverted to state control

Consolidated 1 September 2017 with the Special Troops Battalion, 53d Infantry Brigade Combat Team (see ANNEX), and consolidated unit designated as the 753d Engineer Battalion, an element of the 53d Infantry Brigade Combat Team

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ANNEX

Constituted 1 September 2004 in the Florida Army National Guard as
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 856th Quartermaster Battalion

Organized and Federally recognized 7 October 2004 at Brookville

Converted and redesignated 1 September 2007 as the Special Troops Battalion,
53d Infantry Brigade Combat Team, with Headquarters at Pinellas Park

Elements ordered into active Federal service 2 January 2010 at home stations;
released from active Federal service 5 February 2011 and reverted to state control

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Indian Wars
Seminoles

World War I
Streamer without inscription

World War II
New Guinea (with arrowhead)
Southern Philippines

War on Terrorism
Iraq:
Iraqi Sovereignty

Company A (Lake City), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Global War on Terrorism
Afghanistan:
Consolidation I

Company B (Quincy), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Afghanistan:
Transition I
Iraq:
Transition of Iraq
Iraqi Governance

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Company D (Pinellas Park), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Global War on Terrorism

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NEW GUINEA

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2009-2010

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

Company A (Lake City), additionally entitled to:


Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered MINDANAO

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

Company B (Quincy), additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2012-2013

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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