



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**103d FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
(PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY)**

Organized and chartered in October 1801 in the Rhode Island Militia at Providence as the Providence Marine Corps of Artillery

While remaining in state service the Providence Marine Corps of Artillery additionally formed the following for Federal service:

1st Light Battery, Rhode Island Volunteers (Tompkins' Marine Artillery) mustered into Federal service 2 May 1861 at Washington, D.C.; mustered out of Federal service 6 August 1861 at Providence

Battery A, 1st Rhode Island Volunteer Light Artillery (2d Light Battery) mustered into Federal service 6 June 1861 at Providence

Consolidated 23 September 1864 with Battery B, 1st Rhode Island Volunteer Light Artillery [mustered into Federal service 13 August 1861 at Providence] and consolidated unit designated as Battery B, 1st Rhode Island Volunteer Light Artillery
Mustered out of Federal service 13 June 1865 at Providence

10th Light Battery, Rhode Island Volunteers mustered into Federal service 26 May 1862 at Providence; mustered out of Federal service 30 August 1862 at Providence

Providence Marine Corps of Artillery redesignated 1 May 1875 as Company A, 1st Battalion of Light Artillery

Redesignated 28 May 1879 as Battery A, Light Artillery

(Rhode Island Militia redesignated 1 June 1887 as the Brigade of Rhode Island Militia)

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While remaining in state service Battery A, Light Artillery, additionally formed Light Battery A, Rhode Island Volunteer Artillery (mustered into Federal service 25 June 1898 at Quonset Point and mustered out of Federal service 26 October 1898 at Quonset Point)

(Brigade of Rhode Island Militia redesignated 15 April 1907 as the Rhode Island National Guard)

Battery A, Light Artillery, reorganized and redesignated 4 November 1908 as Light Battery A, Field Artillery

Mustered into Federal service 19 June 1916 at Quonset Point; mustered out of Federal service 2 November 1916 at Providence

Redesignated 2 January 1917 as Battery A, Rhode Island Field Artillery

Expanded 15 June 1917 to form the 1st Separate Battalion, Rhode Island Field Artillery

Mustered into Federal service 25 July 1917 at Quonset Point; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Reorganized and redesignated 20 August 1917 as the 1st Battalion, 103d Field Artillery, an element of the 26th Division

Demobilized 29 April 1919 at Camp Devens, Massachusetts

Reorganized April-November 1921 in the Rhode Island National Guard at Providence as the 1st Battalion, Field Artillery, with Headquarters Federally recognized 17 November 1921 at Providence

Redesignated 25 November 1921 as the 1st Battalion, 103d Field Artillery, an element of the 43d Division

Consolidated 2 January 1930 with the 2d Squadron, 122d Cavalry (see ANNEX), and consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as the 103d Field Artillery, with Headquarters at Providence

Inducted into Federal service 24 February 1941 at home stations

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Regiment broken up 19 February 1942 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

Headquarters disbanded

(Headquarters Battery as the 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop and the Band as the Band, 43d Division Artillery – hereafter separate lineages)

1st Battalion as the 103d Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 43d Infantry Division

Inactivated 22 October 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 15 October 1946 with Headquarters at Providence

Ordered into active Federal service 5 September 1950 at home stations

(103d Field Artillery Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 8 October 1952 with Headquarters at Providence)

Released 15 June 1954 from active Federal service and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 103d Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS)

2d Battalion as the 169th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 43d Infantry Division

Inactivated 22 October 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 19 January 1948 with Headquarters at Providence.

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1949 as the 169th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion and assigned to the 43d Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 5 September 1950 at home stations

(169th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 6 October 1952 with Headquarters at Providence; redesignated 1 April 1953 as the 169th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion [NGUS])

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1953 as the 169th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

Released 15 June 1954 from active Federal service and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 169th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (NGUS)

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103d Field Artillery Battalion and the 169th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion consolidated 1 April 1959 with Headquarters, 103d Field Artillery (concurrently reconstituted in the Rhode Island Army National Guard) to form the 103d Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Rocket Howitzer Battalion and the 2d, 3d, and 4th Howitzer Battalions, elements of the 43d Infantry Division

Reorganized 18 March 1963 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Howitzer Battalions

Reorganized 1 January 1965 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Howitzer Battalions and Battery F

Reorganized 1 March 1966 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Howitzer Battalions

Reorganized 1 February 1968 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions

Redesignated 1 March 1972 as the 103d Field Artillery

Withdrawn 21 October 1986 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Reorganized 1 September 1991 to consist of the 1st Battalion

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 103d Field Artillery Regiment

Ordered into active Federal service 18 September 2010 at home stations; released from active Federal service 22 October 2011 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 October 2019 in the Rhode Island and New Hampshire Army National Guard to consist of the 1st Battalion

ANNEX

Organized and chartered in October 1842 in the Rhode Island Militia at Providence as the Providence Horse Guards

Expanded 17 April 1865 to form the Providence Horse Guards Battalion

Consolidated 1 May 1875 with the Pawtucket Horse Guards (organized 12 May 1864 in the Rhode Island Militia at Pawtucket as the North Providence and Pawtucket Cavalry; redesignated 6 March 1871 as the Pawtucket Horse Guards) to form the 1st Battalion of Cavalry

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(Rhode Island Militia redesignated 1 June 1887 as the Brigade of Rhode Island Militia; redesignated 15 April 1907 as the Rhode Island National Guard)

Reorganized and redesignated 4 November 1908 as the 1st Squadron of Cavalry

Redesignated 30 April 1914 as the Cavalry Detachment

Mustered into Federal service 23 June 1916 at Quonset Point as the Provisional Squadron of Cavalry

Redesignated 4 July 1916 as the 1st Squadron of Cavalry

Mustered out of Federal service in November 1916 at Providence

Redesignated 2 January 1917 as the 1st Separate Squadron, Rhode Island Cavalry

Mustered into Federal service 25 July 1917 at Quonset Point; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Converted and redesignated 20 August 1917 as the 103d Machine Gun Battalion and assigned to the 26th Division

Demobilized 30 April 1919 at Camp Devens, Massachusetts

Reorganized October 1919-February 1922 in the Rhode Island National Guard at Providence as the 1st Squadron, Cavalry, with Headquarters Federally recognized 29 May 1922 at Providence

Reorganized and redesignated 24 February 1927 as the 2d Squadron, 110th Cavalry

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1929 as the 2d Squadron, 122d Cavalry

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Civil War

Bull Run
Peninsula
Antietam
Fredericksburg
Chancellorsville
Gettysburg
Wilderness
Spotsylvania
Cold Harbor
Petersburg
Appomattox
Virginia 1861
Virginia 1862
Virginia 1863
Virginia 1864

World War I

Champagne-Marne
Aisne-Marne
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne
Ile de France 1918
Lorraine 1918

World War II

Guadalcanal
New Guinea
Northern Solomons
Luzon (with arrowhead)

War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism

Headquarters Battery (Providence), 1st Battalion additionally entitled to:

World War II

Northern Solomons (with arrowhead)

War on Terrorism

Iraqi Surge

Battery A (Providence), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism

Transition of Iraq
Iraqi Governance

Battery B (Bristol), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism

Transition of Iraq
Iraqi Governance

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DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA
2010-2011

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

Headquarters Battery (Providence), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered
IRAQ DEC 2007-SEP 2008

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered PACIFIC
THEATER


Battery A (Providence), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ MAR
2004-MAR 2005

Battery B (Bristol), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ JAN-DEC
2004

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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