



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Lineage and Honors

**116th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
(GATOR RED LEGS)**

Constituted 18 September 1917 in the National Guard as the 116th Field Artillery and assigned to the 31st Division

Organized 1 October-1 November 1917 at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, with National Guard personnel from Alabama, Florida, and Georgia

Demobilized 16 January 1919 at Camp Gordon, Georgia

Reconstituted 14 December 1921 in the Florida National Guard as the 116th Field Artillery and assigned to the 31st Division

Organized 1922-1924 in Florida; Headquarters Federally recognized 20 January 1924 at Tampa

Inducted into Federal service 25 November 1940 at home stations

Regiment broken up 27 February 1942 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

Headquarters disbanded

1st and 2d Battalions as the 116th and 149th Field Artillery Battalions, elements of the 31st Infantry Division

(remainder of regiment – hereafter separate lineages)

116th Field Artillery Battalion inactivated 20 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Relieved 13 June 1946 from assignment to the 31st Infantry Division
Assigned 5 July 1946 to the 51st Infantry Division

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Consolidated 7 November 1946 with Headquarters, 116th Field Artillery (reconstituted 25 August 1945), and consolidated unit reorganized and Federally recognized as the 116th Field Artillery Battalion with Headquarters at Tampa

149th Field Artillery Battalion inactivated 21 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Relieved 13 June 1946 from assignment to the 31st Infantry Division

Assigned 5 July 1946 to the 48th Infantry Division

Reorganized and Federally recognized 8 November 1946 with Headquarters at Lakeland

Reorganized and redesignated 1 November 1955 as the 149th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 48th Armored Division

116th Field Artillery Battalion and 149th Armored Field Artillery Battalion consolidated 15 April 1959 to form the 116th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st and 3d Howitzer Battalions, elements of the 51st Infantry Division, and the 2d Howitzer Battalion, an element of the 48th Armored Division

Reorganized 15 February 1963 to consist of the 1st and 3d Howitzer Battalions and the 2d Howitzer Battalion, an element of the 53d Separate Infantry Brigade

Reorganized 1 March 1964 to consist of the 1st and 3d Howitzer Battalions and the 2d Battalion, an element of the 53d Armored Brigade

Reorganized 20 January 1968 to consist of the 1st Battalion and the 2d Battalion, an element of the 53d Infantry Brigade

Redesignated 1 May 1972 as the 116th Field Artillery

Reorganized 1 October 1984 to consist of the 1st and 3d Battalions and the 2d Battalion, an element of the 53d Infantry Brigade

Withdrawn 1 June 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Reorganized 1 September 1993 to consist of the 2d Battalion, an element of the 53d Infantry Brigade, and the 3d Battalion (former 1st Battalion – hereafter a separate lineage)

2d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 1 April 2005 at home stations

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Headquarters Battery and Battery C, 3d Battalion, ordered into active Federal service 13 August-29 August 2005 at Plant City as the 651st and 652d Military Police Companies (Provisional)

2d Battalion released from active Federal service 27 September 2006 and reverted to state control

651st and 652d Military Police Companies [Provisional] released from active Federal service 8 February-24 February 2007 and reverted to state control; concurrently, reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, and Battery C, 3d Battalion

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

3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 20 February 2013 at home stations; released from active Federal service 26 March 2014 and reverted to state control

3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 4 January 2018 at home stations; released from active Federal service 7 February 2019 and reverted to state control

3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 4 April 2025 at home stations

2d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 11 December 2025 at home stations

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

Streamer without inscription

World War II

New Guinea (with arrowhead)

Southern Philippines

War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism

Afghanistan:

Consolidation I

(additional campaigns to be determined)

**116th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
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3d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Iraq:
Iraqi Governance
National Resolution

Headquarters Battery (Lakeland), 2d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

World War II
Aleutian Islands
Western Pacific (with arrowhead)

DECORATIONS


Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
2005-2006 (earned by the 2d Battalion)

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

3d Battalion additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005-
2006 (earned by the 651st and 652d Military Police Companies [Provisional])

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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