



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**161st FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
(SECOND KANSAS)**

Organized in 1880 in the Kansas Volunteer Militia from existing units as the 2d Infantry Regiment

(Kansas Volunteer Militia redesignated 7 March 1885 as the Kansas National Guard)

Mustered into Federal service 21 June 1916 at Fort Riley, Kansas; mustered out of Federal service 12 November 1916 at Fort Riley, Kansas

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Consolidated 1 October 1917 with the 1st Infantry Regiment, Kansas National Guard (organized in 1879) to form the 137th Infantry and assigned to the 37th Division

Demobilized 9-11 May 1919 at Camp Funston, Kansas

Former 2d Infantry Regiment converted and redesignated 1 November 1921 as the 161st Field Artillery and assigned to the 35th Division

Reorganized and Federally recognized in eastern and central Kansas with Headquarters at Topeka

Inducted into Federal service 23 December 1940 at home stations

1st Battalion reorganized and redesignated 3 February 1942 as the 161st Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 35th Infantry Division (remainder of regiment – hereafter separate lineages)

Inactivated 20 November 1945 at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky

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Relieved 20 June 1946 from assignment to the 35th Infantry Division

Redesignated 22 June 1946 as the 161st Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and Federally recognized 16 February 1948 with Headquarters at Dodge City

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1959 as the 161st Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Howitzer Battalion

Reorganized 1 April 1963 to consist of the 1st Howitzer Battalion, an element of the 69th Infantry Brigade

Reorganized 14 February 1964 to consist of the 1st Howitzer Battalion

Reorganized 15 December 1967 to consist of the 1st Battalion

Redesignated 1 February 1972 as the 161st Field Artillery

Reorganized 1 October 1985 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 35th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 March 1988 to consist of the 1st Battalion and Battery E, elements of the 35th Infantry Division

Withdrawn 1 June 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Reorganized 7 May 1998 to consist of the 1st Battalion and Batteries E and F, elements of the 35th Infantry Division

1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 3 September 2002 at home stations; released from active Federal service 2 September 2003 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 September 2005 to consist of the 1st Battalion and Battery E, elements of the 35th Infantry Division

1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 24 November 2007 at home stations; released from active Federal service 27 December 2008 and reverted to state control

161st FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT (SECOND KANSAS)

1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 27 February 2011 at home stations;
released from active Federal service 1 April 2012 and reverted to state control

Reorganized 1 September 2015 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 35th
Infantry Division

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

Meuse-Argonne

Alsace 1918

Lorraine 1918

World War II

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism

Iraq:

Iraqi Surge

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

War on Terrorism

Iraq:

National Resolution

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2008

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2011-2012

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

Meritorious Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST
ASIA 2006-2007

Battery C (Newton), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered SAARGUEMINES
DEC 1944

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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