



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**201st FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
(FIRST WEST VIRGINIA)**

Organized 17 February 1735 as Captain Morgan Morgan's Company of Volunteer Militia of Orange County, Virginia

Reorganized and redesignated in November 1738 as Captain Morgan Morgan's Company, Frederick County Militia

Expanded 24 February 1742 as Morgan's Battalion (Captain Robert Rutherford's Company of Rangers raised from volunteers of Morgan's Battalion in early 1758 and served through 1759)

Expanded in 1772 as the Berkeley County Regiment of Militia with the creation of Berkley County

Berkeley County Regiment called into active service by elements at various times 1775-1782 and additionally furnished companies and replacements for various elements of the Virginia Line of the Continental Army (Captain Hugh Stephenson's Rifle Company organized 14 June-17 July 1775 as an independent company in the Continental Army; reorganized and redesignated 9 July 1776 as Captain Abraham Shepherd's Company of the Maryland and Virginia Rifle Regiment [Colonel Hugh Stephenson commanding])

(Maryland and Virginia Rifle Regiment constituted 27 June 1776 and organized in the summer of 1776 from new and existing rifle companies from Maryland and Virginia; regiment captured 16 November 1776 at Fort Washington, New York; exchanged November 1780; disbanded 1 January 1781)

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(Virginia elements of the Maryland and Virginia Rifle Regiment consolidated after 16 November 1776 as Captain Gabriel Long's Detachment and transferred 12 February 1777 to the 11th Virginia Regiment [Colonel Daniel Morgan commanding]; disbanded in May 1778 with personnel transferred to other elements of the 11th [later 7th] Virginia Regiment)

Reorganized 22 December 1792 as volunteer companies of the 10th and 16th Brigades, Virginia Militia (embracing what is now northern West Virginia); 18th and 20th Brigades subsequently organized

Volunteer companies of the 10th and 16th Brigades mustered into active service September-December 1794

(Captain Cornelius Bogard's Company of Volunteer Rangers of Monongalia County in state service in 1794)

(Captain James Faulkner's Company of Berkeley Artillery organized in 1808 at Martinsburg)

Volunteer companies of the 10th, 16th, 18th, and 20th Brigades consolidated in September 1812 with five companies from what is now southern West Virginia to form the 2d Regiment, Virginia Volunteer Militia; mustered out in April 1813

(Berkeley Blues mustered into Federal service 21 January 1847 at Richmond as Company H, 1st Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment; mustered out of Federal service 31 July 1848 at Fort Monroe, Virginia)

Reorganized in May 1861 at Wheeling and mustered into Federal service as the 1st Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment; mustered out of Federal service 27 August 1861

Reorganized and mustered into Federal service 30 October 1861 at Wheeling

Consolidated 10 December 1864 with the 4th Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment (organized June-August 1861 at Grafton and Point Pleasant) to form the 2d West Virginia Veteran Volunteer Infantry Regiment; mustered out of Federal service 16 July 1865

Elements including the Berkeley Blues defected from the Virginia Volunteer Militia 19 April 1861 and reorganized as *Company B [Arbutus-Wise Artillery]*, *1st Virginia Light Artillery Regiment*; reorganized and redesignated 26 April 1862 as *Captain James S. Brown's Independent Battery [Wise Artillery]*; disbanded 4 October 1862)

(Northwestern portion of Virginia entered the Union 20 June 1863 as West Virginia)

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State forces in northern West Virginia reorganized 21 November 1863 as volunteer companies in the 1st Division, West Virginia Militia

Reorganized in 1878 as the 1st Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer Militia

(West Virginia Militia redesignated in 1889 as the West Virginia National Guard)

Consolidated 29 April 1898 with the 2d Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer Militia, to form the 1st West Virginia Volunteer Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 7-14 May 1898 at Charleston; mustered out of Federal service 4 February 1899 at Columbus, Georgia

Former 1st Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer Militia, reorganized in 1899 in the West Virginia National Guard as the 1st Infantry Regiment

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Regiment broken up 15 September 1917 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

Headquarters Company and Companies E and F as elements of the 113th Engineer Regiment, an element of the 38th Division

Band as the 63d Depot Brigade Band

Supply Company as the 113th Engineer Train, an element of the 38th Division

1st Battalion and Machine Gun Company as the 137th Machine Gun Battalion and assigned to the 38th Division

Companies G and H as elements of the 113th Ammunition Train, an element of the 38th Division

3d Battalion as the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Companies, Training Battalion, 150th Infantry

All elements demobilized 1918-1919; former 1st Infantry Regiment reconstituted 1 November 1923 in the West Virginia National Guard; reorganized 1924-1926 in West Virginia

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Redesignated 11 May 1926 as the 201st Infantry; Headquarters Federally recognized 17 December 1927 at Morgantown

Inducted into Federal service 6 January 1941 at home stations

Inactivated 26 September 1945 at Camp Rucker, Alabama
Regiment (less 2d and 3d Battalions) converted and redesignated 10 July 1946 as the 201st Field Artillery Battalion (2d and 3d Battalions – hereafter separate lineages)

Reorganized and Federally recognized 19 August 1947 with Headquarters at Fairmont

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1949 as the 201st Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 11 September 1950 at home stations (201st Armored Field Artillery Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 18 September 1952 with Headquarters at Fairmont)

Released 17 January 1955 from active Federal service and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 201st Armored Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1959 as the 201st Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Howitzer Battalion

Reorganized 1 March 1968 to consist of the 1st Battalion

Redesignated 1 February 1972 as the 201st Field Artillery

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

(1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 9 December 1990 at home stations; released 20 May 1991 from active Federal service and reverted to state control)

(1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 18 December 2003 at home stations; released from active Federal service 26 February 2005 and reverted to state control)

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 201st Field Artillery Regiment

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(1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 13 September 2010 at home stations;
released from active Federal service 17 October 2011 and reverted to state control)

Elements ordered into active Federal service 21 August 2019 at home station, released
from active Federal service 6 December 2020

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Revolutionary War

Boston

New York 1776

War of 1812

Indiana Territory 1812-1813

Civil War

Valley

Manassas

Vicksburg

Chattanooga

Shenandoah

Virginia 1861

Virginia 1862

Virginia 1863

World War I

Streamer without inscription

World War II

Aleutian Islands

Southwest Asia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Cease-Fire

War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism

Iraq:

Transition of Iraq

Iraqi Governance

(additional campaigns to be determined)


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DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990-1991 (earned by the 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA
2010-2011 (earned by the 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery)

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