



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**623d FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT  
(FIRST KENTUCKY)**

Constituted 22 May 1846 in the Kentucky Militia as the 1st Kentucky Cavalry and the 2d Kentucky Volunteer Infantry

Organized from volunteers of the enrolled militia, principally from counties in central Kentucky, and mustered into Federal service 9 June 1846 at Louisville; mustered out of Federal service 7 and 9 June 1847, respectively, at New Orleans, Louisiana, and continued in state service as separate volunteer militia companies

(Kentucky Volunteer Militia redesignated 5 March 1860 as the Kentucky State Guard)

Reorganized 15 June 1860 in the Kentucky State Guard as the Lexington Battalion, to include the Lexington Rifles (organized in 1857 by Captain John Hunt Morgan)

Expanded 6 November 1860 to form the Lexington Battalion (to include the Lexington Rifles) and the Kentucky River Battalion

Lexington and Kentucky River Battalions broken up in 1861 and their elements reorganized as follows:

Reorganized April-June 1861 primarily as the 1st and 2d Infantry Regiments, Kentucky Volunteers

Mustered into Federal service 4 and 13 June 1861, respectively, at Camp Clay, Ohio; mustered out of Federal service 18 and 19 June 1864, respectively, at Covington

Other elements (less Lexington Rifles) defected from the Kentucky State Guard in July 1861 and reorganized as elements of the *1st Kentucky Brigade (The Orphan Brigade)* at Camp Boone, Tennessee

Surrendered 4 May 1865 at Washington, Georgia

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Lexington Rifles defected from the Kentucky State Guard 20 September 1861 and reorganized as a separate company of cavalry at Bowling Green

Consolidated in October 1861 with two other cavalry companies to form *Morgan's Squadron, Kentucky Cavalry*

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated in June 1862 as the *2d Kentucky Cavalry Regiment (Morgan's Men)*

Surrendered 8 May 1865 near Woodstock, Georgia

Former Lexington and Kentucky River Battalions reorganized 18 May 1881 in the Kentucky State Guard as the 3d Battalion with Headquarters at Lexington

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated in 1883 as the 2d Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Lexington

Mustered into Federal service 14-25 May 1898 at Lexington as the 2d Kentucky Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 31 October 1898 at Lexington

Reorganized 24 April 1899 in the Kentucky State Guard as the 1st Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Lexington

Redesignated 31 July 1899 as the 2d Regiment of Infantry

(Kentucky State Guard redesignated 19 March 1912 as the Kentucky National Guard) Mustered into Federal service 25 June 1916 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky; mustered out of Federal service 15 February 1917 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Mustered into Federal service 21 April 1917 at Camp Stanley, Kentucky; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Consolidated 1 October 1917 with the 3d Regiment of Infantry (less 3d Battalion) (see ANNEX), reorganized, and redesignated as the 149th Infantry and assigned to the 38th Division

Demobilized in January 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky

Former 2d and 3d Regiments of Infantry reorganized 1920-1921 in the Kentucky National Guard as the 1st Infantry and the 53d and 54th Machine Gun Squadrons (1st Infantry – hereafter separate lineage)

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53d and 54th Machine Gun Squadrons consolidated 1 April 1929 to form the 123d Cavalry and assigned to the 22d Cavalry Division; Headquarters Federally recognized at Louisville

Regiment (less 1st and 2d Squadrons) converted and redesignated 1 November 1940 as the 106th Separate Battalion, Coast Artillery, with Headquarters at Frankfort, and relieved from assignment to the 22d Cavalry Division (1st and 2d Squadrons – hereafter separate lineages)

106th Separate Battalion, Coast Artillery, inducted into Federal service 6 January 1941 at home stations

Reorganized and redesignated 14 July 1944 as the 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Inactivated 3 December 1945 at Camp Shanks, New York

Reorganized and Federally recognized 29 January 1947 in south-central Kentucky as the 623d Field Artillery Battalion with Headquarters at Glasgow

Ordered into active Federal service 23 January 1951 at home stations

Reorganized and redesignated 5 March 1951 as the 623d Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 10 September 1951 as the 623d Field Artillery Battalion

(623d Field Artillery Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 23 January 1953 with Headquarters at Glasgow

Released 18 March 1955 from active Federal service and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 623d Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1959 as the 4th Howitzer Battalion, 138th Artillery

Redesignated 1 February 1968 as the 4th Battalion, 138th Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1969 as the 623d Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Battalion

Redesignated 1 March 1972 as the 623d Field Artillery

## **623d FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT (FIRST KENTUCKY)**

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

Ordered into active Federal service 9 December 1990 at home stations; released 21 May 1991 from active Federal service and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 15 March 2003 at home stations; released from active Federal service 21 May 2003 and reverted to state control

(Batteries A and B, 1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 7 - 17 November 2004 at home stations)

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 623d Field Artillery Regiment

(Batteries A and B, 1st Battalion released from active Federal service 5 - May 2006 and reverted to state control)

Ordered into active Federal service 2 January 2013 at home stations; released from active Federal service 5 February 2014 and reverted to state control

### **ANNEX**

Organized 8 May 1882 in the Kentucky State Guard in western Kentucky as the 4th Battalion with Headquarters at Bowling Green

Expanded, reorganized, and redesignated in 1883 as the 3d Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Bowling Green

Mustered into Federal service 21-31 May 1898 at Lexington as the 3d Kentucky Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 16 May 1899 at Savannah, Georgia

Reorganized 10 October 1899 in the Kentucky State Guard as the 3d Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Bowling Green

(Kentucky State Guard redesignated 19 March 1912 as the Kentucky National Guard)

Mustered into Federal service 6 July 1916 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky; mustered out of Federal service 12-15 March 1917 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Mustered into Federal service 21 April 1917 at Camp Stanley, Kentucky; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

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3d Regiment of Infantry (less 3d Battalion) consolidated 1 October 1917 with the 2d Regiment of Infantry to form the 149th Infantry and assigned to the 38th Division; 3d Battalion, 3d Regiment of Infantry, concurrently reorganized and redesignated as Companies A and B, 138th Machine Gun Battalion, Company F, 113th Ammunition Train, and Company B, 113th Engineers, elements of the 38th Division

Above units demobilized in January 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

#### Mexican War

Buena Vista

#### Civil War

Shiloh

Murfreesborough

Chickamauga

West Virginia 1861

Mississippi 1862

Kentucky 1862

Kentucky 1864

Tennessee 1863

#### World War I

Streamer without inscription

#### World War II

Algeria-French Morocco

(with arrowhead)

Tunisia

Sicily (with arrowhead)

Naples-Foggia (with arrowhead)

Anzio (with arrowhead)

Rome-Arno

Southern France (with arrowhead)

Rhineland

Ardenne-Alsace

Central Europe

#### Korean War

Second Korean Winter

Korea, Summer-Fall 1952

Third Korean Winter

Korea, Summer 1953

#### Southwest Asia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Cease-Fire

#### War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism

1st Battalion additionally entitled to:

#### War on Terrorism

*Iraq:*

Iraqi Governance

National Resolution

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

World War II  
New Guinea  
Leyte  
Luzon

**DECORATIONS**

Navy Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered PANMUNJOM (earned as the 623d Field Artillery Battalion)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1951-1952 (earned as the 623d Field Artillery Battalion)

1st Battalion additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2005 (earned as Batteries A and B, 1st Battalion)

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

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (earned as the 38th Quartermaster Company)

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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