



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

116th INFANTRY REGIMENT

Organized 3 November 1741 in the Virginia Militia as the Augusta County Regiment with Headquarters at Beverley's Mill Place (later named Staunton)

Elements of the Augusta County Regiment called into active service at various times during the French and Indian War and Dunmore's War and provided the following elements of the Virginia provincial forces:

Captain Andrew Lewis' Company, Virginia Regiment (organized 18 March 1754)
Captain William Preston's, David Lewis', and John Smith's Companies of Rangers (organized 11-25 August 1755)

Augusta County Regiment or its elements called into active service at various times during the Revolutionary War and provided the following elements of the Continental Army:

Captain William Fontaine's Company, 2d Virginia Regiment (organized 21 October 1775)

Captain John Hayse's Company, 9th Virginia Regiment (organized 16 March 1776)

Captain David Stephenson's Company, 8th Virginia Regiment ([German Regiment] organized 25 March 1776)

Captains David Laird and John Syme's Companies, 10th Virginia Regiment (organized 3 December 1776)

Augusta County Regiment expanded 31 December 1792 to form the 32d and 93d Regiments

Elements of the 32d and 93d Regiments mustered into Federal service at various times during the War of 1812

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32d and 93d Regiments expanded about 1839 to form the 32d, 93d, and 160th Regiments

Elements of the 32d and 160th Regiments mustered into Federal service 6 January 1847 at Richmond as the Light Infantry Company, 1st Regiment, Virginia Volunteers (also known as the Augusta Volunteers); mustered out of Federal service 27 July 1848 at Fort Monroe, Virginia

Augusta County volunteer infantry companies of the 32d, 93d and 160th Regiments reorganized and redesignated 13 April 1861 as the 5th Regiment, Virginia Volunteers; defected from the Virginia Volunteers 1 July 1861 and reorganized as the *5th Virginia Infantry*, an element of the *1st Brigade, Army of the Shenandoah* (later designated as the *Stonewall Brigade*) organized 1 June – 15 July 1861 to consist of the *2d, 4th, 5th, 27th, and 33d Virginia Infantry* [organized from volunteer companies in the Shenandoah Valley]

Remainder of the 32d, 93d, and 160th Regiments, Virginia Militia, defected 1 May 1862 and reorganized as the *52d Virginia Infantry*

Stonewall Brigade and the *52d Virginia Infantry* surrendered 9 April 1865 at Appomattox Court House with the *Army of Northern Virginia*

Former elements of the 32d, 93d, and 160th Regiments reorganized 1871-1881 in the Virginia Volunteers as separate infantry companies in the Shenandoah Valley

Reorganized 2 May 1881 as the 2d Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Staunton

(Location of Headquarters changed 22 April 1886 to Harrisonburg)

Regiment disbanded 2 April 1887 and its elements reorganized as separate infantry companies

Reorganized 20 April 1889 in the Virginia Volunteers as the 2d Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Winchester

(Location of Headquarters changed 15 June 1893 to Woodstock)

Consolidated with elements of the 1st Regiment of Infantry (organized in 1851) and mustered into Federal service 10-21 May 1898 at Richmond as the 2d Virginia Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 13-20 December 1898 at home stations

Disbanded 29 April 1899

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Elements of the former 2d Regiment of Infantry reorganized 1899-1902 in the Virginia Volunteers as separate infantry companies in western Virginia

Consolidated 19 May 1905 with elements of the former 3d Regiment of Infantry (see ANNEX); consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as the 72d Infantry with Headquarters at Luray

Redesignated 1 September 1908 as the 2d Infantry

(Virginia Volunteers redesignated 3 June 1916 as the Virginia National Guard)

Called into Federal service 30 June 1916 at Camp Stuart, Virginia; mustered out of Federal service 28 February 1917 at Richmond

Called into Federal service 25 March 1917 and mustered in 25 March - 3 April 1917 at home stations

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Consolidated 4 October 1917 with the 1st Infantry (organized in 1851) and the 4th Infantry (organized in 1882); consolidated unit reorganized and redesignated as the 116th Infantry and assigned to the 29th Division

Demobilized 30 May 1919 at Camp Lee, Virginia

Former elements in western Virginia reorganized 12 October 1921 in the Virginia National Guard as the 2d Infantry

Redesignated 9 March 1922 as the 116th Infantry and assigned to the 29th Division; Headquarters Federally recognized 3 April 1922 at Staunton

(Location of Headquarters changed 26 June 1933 to Lynchburg)

Inducted into Federal service 3 February 1941 at home stations

(29th Division redesignated 12 March 1942 as the 29th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 6 January 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Reorganized and Federally recognized 24 March 1948 with Headquarters at Staunton

Reorganized 1 June 1959 as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System to consist of the 1st and 2d Battle Groups, elements of the 29th Infantry Division

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Reorganized 22 March 1963 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 29th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 February 1968 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 28th Infantry Division

Reorganized 1 April 1975 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 116th Infantry Brigade

2d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 1 November 2002 at home stations; released from Federal service 31 October 2003 and reverted to state control

3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 1 March 2004 at home stations; released from Federal service 16 June 2005 and reverted to state control

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2005 as the 116th Infantry to consist of the 1st and 3d Battalions

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 116th Infantry Regiment to consist of the 1st and 3d Battalions

Companies B, C, and D, 1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 18 July 2006 at home stations; released from active Federal service 13 January 2008 and reverted to state control

3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 23 June 2007 at home stations; released from active Federal service 26 July 2008 and reverted to state control

1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 25 January 2010 at home stations; released from active Federal service 8 February 2011 and reverted to state control

Company C, 1st Battalion and Company D, 3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 1 June 2011 at home stations; released from active Federal service 17-22 January 2012 and reverted to state control

3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 8 September 2015 at home stations; released from active Federal service 11 October 2016 and reverted to state control

1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 13 May 2016 at home stations; released from active Federal service 16 Jun 2017 and reverted to state control

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1st Battalion and Company A, 3d Battalion ordered into active Federal service 24 November 2021 at home stations; released from active Federal service 28 December 2022 and reverted to state control

ANNEX

Organized 13 June 1881 in the Virginia Volunteers from existing companies in central Virginia as the 3d Regiment of Infantry with Headquarters at Charlottesville

(Location of Headquarters changed 15 November 1888 to Culpeper; on 12 March 1898 to Warrenton)

Mustered into Federal service 13-26 May 1898 at Richmond as the 3d Virginia Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 5 November 1898 at Richmond

Disbanded 29 April 1899

Elements of the former 3d Regiment of Infantry reorganized 1899-1902 in the Virginia Volunteers as separate infantry companies in central Virginia

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Revolutionary War

Brandywine
Germantown
Monmouth
Charleston
Cowpens
Guilford Court House
Yorktown
Virginia 1775
Virginia 1776
Virginia 1781
South Carolina 1781
North Carolina 1781

War of 1812
Maryland 1814

World War I

Meuse-Argonne
Alsace 1918

World War II

Normandy (with arrowhead)
Northern France
Rhineland
Central Europe

War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism

Afghanistan:

Consolidation I

Iraq:

Iraqi Surge
Iraqi Sovereignty

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Headquarters Company (Lynchburg), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

World War I
Champagne Marne
Aisne Marne
St Mihiel
Lorraine 1918
Champagne 1918

Company C (Christiansburg), 1st Battalion, additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Iraq:
New Dawn

Company D (Warrenton), 3d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism
Iraq:
New Dawn

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered NORMANDY (earned by the 116th Infantry Regiment)

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIRE (earned by the 1st Battalion)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered SOUTHWEST ASIA 2007-2008 (earned by the 3d Battalion)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2010 (earned by the 1st Battalion)

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1992-1993 (earned by the 3d Battalion)

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Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2006-2007 (earned by the 1st Battalion)

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2008-2009 (earned by the 1st Battalion)

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered BEACHES OF NORMANDY (earned by the 116th Infantry Regiment)

French Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star, World War II, Streamer embroidered VIRE (earned by the 1st Battalion)

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