



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
*Lineage and Honors*

**126th INFANTRY REGIMENT  
(SECOND MICHIGAN)**

Organized 1855-1859 at Grand Rapids, Michigan, as independent volunteer militia companies

Consolidated and expanded 13 May 1861 as the 3d Regiment Infantry, Michigan Volunteers

Mustered into Federal service 10 June 1861 at Grand Rapids

Reorganized and redesignated in part 10 June 1864 as Companies A, E, F, and I, 5th Regiment Infantry, Michigan Volunteers (remainder of the 3d Regiment Infantry, Michigan Volunteers mustered out of Federal service 20 June 1864 at Detroit)

Companies A, E, F, and I, 5th Regiment Infantry, Michigan Volunteers, mustered out of Federal service 5 July 1865 at Jeffersonville, Indiana

Reorganized 1871-1874 in the Michigan State Troops as independent companies

Companies, less those in southeastern Michigan, consolidated 6 July 1874 to form the 2d Infantry Regiment with Headquarters at Grand Rapids

Companies in the Saginaw and Flint area withdrawn 19 May 1876 and reorganized as elements of the 3d Infantry Regiment – hereafter separate lineage; 2d Infantry Regiment concurrently reorganized in southwestern Michigan with Headquarters at Grand Rapids

(Michigan State Troops redesignated 31 December 1894 as the Michigan National Guard)

## **126th INFANTRY REGIMENT (SECOND MICHIGAN)**

Mustered into Federal service 11-14 May 1898 at Island Lake as the 32d Michigan Volunteer Infantry; mustered out of Federal service 25 October-9 November 1898 at home stations

Reorganized 10 July 1899 in the Michigan National Guard as the 2d Infantry

Redesignated 22 April 1915 as the 32d Infantry

Mustered into Federal service 1 July 1916 at Camp Grayling, Michigan; mustered out of Federal service 3-15 February 1917 at Fort Wayne, Michigan

Called into Federal service 20-26 July 1917 at home stations; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Consolidated 23 September 1917 with elements of the 31st Infantry; consolidated unit designated as the 126th Infantry, and assigned to the 32d Division

Demobilized (less 3d Battalion) 24 May 1919 at Camp Custer, Michigan; 3d Battalion demobilized 2 June 1919 at Camp Custer, Michigan

Former 32d Infantry reorganized and Federally recognized 10 June 1921 in the Michigan National Guard in southwestern Michigan as the 126th Infantry, with Headquarters at Grand Rapids, and assigned to the 32d Division

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at home stations

(32d Division redesignated 1 February 1942 as the 32d Infantry Division)

Inactivated 28 February 1946 at Kokura, Japan

Relieved 31 May 1946 from assignment to the 32d Infantry Division and assigned to the 46th Infantry Division

Reorganized and Federally recognized 20 December 1946 with Headquarters at Grand Rapids

Reorganized 15 March 1959 as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System to consist of the 1st and 2d Battle Groups, elements of the 46th Infantry Division

Reorganized 15 March 1963 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, elements of the 46th Infantry Division

## **126th INFANTRY REGIMENT (SECOND MICHIGAN)**

(1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions ordered into active Federal service 24 July 1967 at Camp Grayling, Michigan; 1st Battalion released 25 July 1967 from active Federal service and reverted to state control; 2d and 3d Battalions released 2 August 1967 from active Federal service and reverted to state control)

Reorganized 1 February 1968 to consist of the 3d Battalion, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Withdrawn 20 February 1987 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System with Headquarters at Wyoming

Consolidated 1 October 1999 with the 246th Armor (see ANNEX 1), and consolidated unit designated as the 126th Armor, to consist of the 1st Battalion

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 126th Armored Regiment

Converted and redesignated 1 September 2007 as the 126th Cavalry Regiment, to consist of the 1st Squadron, an element of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

1st Squadron ordered into active Federal service 4 January 2008 at home stations; released 9 January 2009 from active Federal service and reverted to state control

1st Squadron ordered into active Federal service 17 October 2011 at home stations; released from active Federal service 19 November 2012 and reverted to state control

Converted and redesignated 22 March 2013 as the 126th Infantry Regiment, to consist of the 3d Battalion, an element of the 32d Infantry Brigade Combat Team

Ordered into active Federal service 1 April 2020 at home stations; released from active Federal service 4 June 2021 and reverted to state control

### **ANNEX 1**

Constituted and allotted to the Michigan National Guard 4 January 1949 as the 246th Heavy Tank Battalion and assigned to the 46th Infantry Division

Organized and Federally recognized 6 June 1949 with Headquarters at Dowagiac

Redesignated 1 September 1950 as 246th Tank Battalion

## **126th INFANTRY REGIMENT (SECOND MICHIGAN)**

Reorganized and redesignated 15 March 1959 as the 246th Armor, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of 1st Reconnaissance Squadron and the 2d Medium Tank Battalion, elements of the 46th Infantry Division (1st Reconnaissance Squadron (Detroit) organized by conversion and redesignation of the 146th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion [organized in 1917])

246th Armor (less 1st Reconnaissance Squadron [Detroit]) reorganized 15 March 1963 to consist of 2d and 3d Battalions, elements of the 46th Infantry Division (3d Battalion organized by conversion and redesignation of the 219th Transportation Battalion [organized and Federally recognized 15 March 1959]) (concurrently, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron [Detroit], 246th Armor reorganized and redesignated as the 146th Cavalry – hereafter separate lineage

(2d and 3d Battalions ordered into active Federal service 24 July 1967 at Camp Grayling, Michigan; released from active Federal service 2 August 1967 and reverted to State control)

Reorganized 1 February 1968 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Withdrawn 20 February 1987 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System with Headquarters at Dowagiac

**HEADQUARTERS: Grand Rapids**

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

Civil War  
Bull Run  
Peninsula  
Manassas  
Fredericksburg  
Chancellorsville  
Gettysburg  
Wilderness  
Spotsylvania  
Cold Harbor  
Petersburg  
Appomattox  
Virginia 1863

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World War I  
Aisne-Marne  
Oise-Aisne  
Meuse-Argonne  
Alsace 1918

World War II  
Papua  
New Guinea (with arrowhead)  
Leyte  
Luzon

War on Terrorism  
Global War on Terrorism  
*Afghanistan:*  
Transition I  
Transition II

Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Grand Rapids), 3d Battalion additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism  
*Iraq:*  
Iraqi Governance  
National Resolution

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

World War II  
Aleutian Islands  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

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**DECORATIONS**

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PAPUA

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, Streamer embroidered OISE-AISNE  
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4  
JULY 1945

Company C (Big Rapids), 3d Battalion, additionally entitled to:

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered KANDAHAR PROVINCE APR  
2012 - SEP 2013

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

French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, World War I, Streamer embroidered  
AISNE-MARNE and OISE-AISNE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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