



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**296th INFANTRY REGIMENT
(LOS COCOROCOS)**

Constituted 17 May 1765 by Don Alejandro O'Reilly for the kingdom of Spain as the Milicias Disciplinadas de la Isla de San Juan de Puerto Rico

Organized 1 June 1765 to consist of nineteen infantry companies and five cavalry companies

Milicias Disciplinadas reorganized 12 February 1797 to consist of one infantry regiment and one cavalry regiment

Reorganized between 1810 and 1822 to consist of two infantry regiments and one cavalry regiment

Reorganized 27 June 1825 to consist of seven infantry battalions, one cavalry regiment, and various "companies of free men of color"

Milicias Disciplinadas reduced to cadre strength 12 February 1870

Disbanded in April 1898

Reconstituted 12 April 1917 in the Puerto Rico National Guard as an infantry regiment

Designated 19 July 1919 as the 1st Regiment of Infantry

Organized 1919-1922 with Headquarters Federally recognized 24 January 1922 at Aguadilla

Redesignated 23 January 1923 as the 295th Infantry

296th INFANTRY REGIMENT (LOS COCOROCOS)

1st and 2d Battalions, 295th Infantry, withdrawn, reorganized, and redesignated 1 June 1936 as the 1st and 2d Battalions, 296th Infantry; Headquarters concurrently organized and Federally recognized at San Juan (295th Infantry-hereafter separate lineage)

(3d Battalion organized and Federally recognized 18-25 August 1940 in Puerto Rico)

Assigned 25 August 1940 to the 92d Infantry Brigade

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Camp Tortuguero, Puerto Rico

Relieved 24 July 1942 from assignment to the 92d Infantry Brigade

Inactivated 12 March 1946 at Camp O'Reilly, Puerto Rico

Reorganized and Federally recognized 15 September 1946 with Headquarters at San Juan

Ordered into active Federal service 8-10 September 1950 at home stations

(296th Infantry [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 14 September 1952 with Headquarters at San Juan)

Released 19 November 1954 from active Federal service and reverted to commonwealth control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 296th Infantry (NGUS)

Reorganized 15 February 1959 as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System to consist of the 1st Battle Group, an element of the 92d Infantry Brigade

Reorganized 1 May 1964 to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 92d Infantry Brigade

Reorganized 31 December 1967 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 92d Infantry Brigade

Withdrawn 27 October 1987 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System with Headquarters at Mayaguez

Ordered into active Federal service 14 February 2003 at home stations; released from active Federal service 13 February 2004 and reverted to commonwealth control

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 296th Infantry Regiment

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Ordered into active Federal service 12 October 2006 at home stations; released from active Federal service 8 April 2008 and reverted to commonwealth control

Relieved 1 September 2008 from assignment to the 92d Infantry Brigade

Elements ordered into active Federal service 17 April-7 August 2010 at home stations; released from active Federal service 21 May-10 September 2011 and reverted to commonwealth control

Company A and C ordered into active Federal service 6 September 2024 at home stations; released from active Federal service 10 October 2025 and reverted to commonwealth control

HEADQUARTERS: Mayaguez

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

American Theater,

Streamer without inscription

Asiatic-Pacific Theater,

Streamer without inscription

War on Terrorism

Global War on Terrorism

Company A (Utuaado), 1st Battalion, additionally authorized:

War on Terrorism

Iraq:

Iraqi Governance

National Resolution

Company B (Mayaguez), 1st Battalion, additionally authorized:

War on Terrorism

Iraq:

Iraqi Governance

National Resolution

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DECORATIONS

Company A (Utuado), 1st Battalion, authorized:

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2003-2004

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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