



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**297th INFANTRY REGIMENT
(ALASKA SCOUTS)**

Constituted 21 October 1939 in the Alaska National Guard as the 297th Infantry

1st Battalion, 297th Infantry, organized and Federally recognized 11 January 1941 with Headquarters at Juneau

Inducted into Federal service 15 September 1941 at home stations

Reorganized and redesignated 26 January 1944 as the 208th Infantry Battalion, Separate

Inactivated 16 May 1945 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Reorganized and Federally recognized 12 July 1950 in southeastern Alaska with Headquarters at Juneau

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 208th Infantry Battalion

Consolidated 1 February 1959 with the 1st Scout Battalion (see ANNEX 1), 2d Scout Battalion (see ANNEX 2), and the 207th Infantry Battalion (see ANNEX 3) to form the 297th Infantry, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st and 2d Scout Battalions and the 3d Battle Group

Reorganized 20 January 1964 to consist of the 1st and 2d Scout Battalions and the 3d Battalion

Expanded 1 May 1972 to form the 297th Infantry, to consist of the 1st and 2d Scout Battalions, and the 297th Cavalry, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 5th Squadron

297th Infantry and 297th Cavalry consolidated 1 October 1976 and consolidated unit designated as the 297th Infantry, to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 5th Battalions

297th INFANTRY REGIMENT (ALASKA SCOUTS)

Reorganized 1 November 1978 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th Battalions

Withdrawn 1 May 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Reorganized 1 September 1989 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th Battalions

Reorganized 30 September 1992 to consist of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, and 6th Battalions

Reorganized 1 September 1994 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 6th Battalions

Reorganized 1 September 1995 to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 297th Infantry Regiment

(Elements ordered into active Federal service 6 July 2006 at home stations; released from active Federal service 1 January 2008 and reverted to state control)

Converted and redesignated 1 September 2009 as the 297th Cavalry Regiment, a parent regiment under the United States Army Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Squadron, with Headquarters at Fairbanks

Converted and redesignated 1 September 2016 as the 297th Infantry Regiment, a parent regiment under the United States Army Regimental System, and reorganized in the Alaska and Wyoming Army National Guard, to consist of the 1st Battalion, with Headquarters at Anchorage

(1st Battalion ordered into active Federal service 26 May 2019 at home stations; released from active Federal service 24 May 2020 and reverted to state control)

ANNEX 1

Constituted 15 March 1949 in the Alaska Army National Guard as the 1st Alaskan Scout Battalion

Organized and Federally recognized 14 July 1949 in northwestern Alaska, with Headquarters at Nome, to include elements that had served between 1942 and 1947 in the Alaska Territorial Guard

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1952 as the 1st Scout Battalion

ANNEX 2

Constituted 15 March 1949 in the Alaska Army National Guard as the 2d Alaskan Scout Battalion

Organized and Federally recognized 5 October 1949 in southwestern Alaska, with Headquarters at Bethel, to include elements that had served between 1942 and 1947 in the Alaska Territorial Guard

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1952 as the 2d Scout Battalion

ANNEX 3

Constituted 15 March 1949 in the Alaska Army National Guard as the 207th Infantry Battalion, Separate

Organized and Federally recognized 25 January 1950 in central and southern Alaska with Headquarters at Anchorage

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 207th Infantry Battalion

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Streamer without inscription

War on Terrorism

Campaigns to be determined

Company C (Alton, Wyoming), additionally entitled to:

War on Terrorism

Iraq:

National Resolution

Iraqi Surge

DECORATIONS

Company C (Alton, Wyoming), additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2006-2007

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



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