

Department of the army Lineage and Honors

31st INFANTRY REGIMENT (THE POLAR BEARS)

Constituted 1 July 1916 in the Regular Army as the 31st Infantry

Organized 1 August 1916 in the Philippines

Assigned 22 October 1921 to the Philippine Division

Relieved 26 June 1931 from assignment to the Philippine Division

Assigned in 1941 to the Philippine Division

Surrendered 9 April 1942 to the Japanese 14th Army

Reorganized 19 January 1946 in Korea as an element of the 7th Infantry Division

Relieved 1 July 1957 from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division and reorganized as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System

Withdrawn 16 January 1986 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Transferred 2 October 1991 to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

Withdrawn 1 February 1995 from the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 31st Infantry Regiment

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I Siberia 1918 Siberia 1919

World War II Philippine Islands

Korean War UN Defensive UN Offensive CCF Intervention First UN Counteroffensive CCF Spring Offensive UN Summer-Fall Offensive Second Korean Winter Korea, Summer-Fall 1952 Third Korean Winter Korea, Summer 1953 Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase II Counteroffensive, Phase III Tet Counteroffensive Counteroffensive, Phase IV Counteroffensive, Phase V Counteroffensive, Phase VI Tet 69/Counteroffensive Summer-Fall 1969 Winter-Spring 1970 Sanctuary Counteroffensive Counteroffensive, Phase VII Consolidation I

War on Terrorism Campaigns to be determined

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered LUZON 1941-1942

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BATAAN

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DEFENSE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered QUANG TIN PROVINCE

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered CHOSIN RESERVOIR

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered HWACHON RESERVOIR

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUE SON - HIEP DUC

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered SAIGON

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Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered PARROT'S BEAK

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered YUSUFIYAH, IRAQ

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2004-2005

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2009-2010

Navy Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered PANMUNJOM

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 7 DECEMBER 1941 TO 10 MAY 1942

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered INCHON

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1950-1953

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1946-1948; 1953-1957

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