



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Withdrawn 16 January 1986 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System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Withdrawn 1 February 1995 from the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command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

Global War on Terrorism

Afghanistan:

Consolidation I

Transition II

Iraq:

Transition of Iraq

Iraqi Governance

National Resolution

Iraqi Surge

Iraqi Sovereignty

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DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered LUZON 1941-1942 (earned by 31st Infantry)

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered BATAAN (earned by 31st Infantry)

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered DEFENSE OF THE PHILIPPINES (earned by 31st Infantry)

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered QUANG TIN PROVINCE (earned by 4th Battalion)

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered CHOSIN RESERVOIR (earned by 2d and 3d Battalion, 31st Infantry)

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered HWACHON RESERVOIR (earned by 31st Infantry)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUE SON - HIEP DUC (earned by 4th Battalion)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered SAIGON (earned by 6th Battalion)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered PARROT'S BEAK (earned by 6th Battalion)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered YUSUFIYAH, IRAQ (earned by 4th Battalion)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2004-2005 (earned by 4th Battalion)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2009-2010 (earned by 4th Battalion)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2015-2016 (earned by 4th Battalion)

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Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
2018-2019 (earned by 4th Battalion)

Navy Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered PANMUNJOM (earned by 31st
Infantry)

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 7 DECEMBER 1941 TO
10 MAY 1942 (earned by 31st Infantry)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered INCHON (earned
by 31st Infantry)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1950-
1953 (earned by 31st Infantry)

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered KOREA 1946-
1948; 1953-1957 (earned by 31st Infantry)

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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