



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Lineage and Honors*

**3d INFANTRY REGIMENT  
(THE OLD GUARD)**

Constituted 3 June 1784 in the Regular Army as the First American Regiment to consist of companies from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania

Organized August-September 1784 in Pennsylvania and New Jersey (New York and Connecticut companies organized in 1785)

Redesignated 29 September 1789 as the Regiment of Infantry

Redesignated 3 March 1791 as the 1st Infantry

Redesignated in 1792 as the Infantry of the 1st Sub-Legion

Redesignated 31 October 1796 as the 1st Infantry

Consolidated May-October 1815 with the 5th Infantry (constituted 12 April 1808), the 17th Infantry (constituted 11 January 1812), the 19th Infantry (constituted 26 June 1812), and the 28th Infantry (constituted 29 January 1813) to form the 3d Infantry

Consolidated August-December 1869 with part of the 37th Infantry (see ANNEX) and consolidated unit designated as the 3d Infantry

(2d and 3d Battalions inactivated 18 November 1921 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota; activated 8 June 1922 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota)

Assigned 24 March 1923 to the 7th Division

Relieved 15 August 1927 from assignment to the 7th Division and assigned to the 6th Division

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Relieved 1 October 1933 from assignment to the 6th Division and assigned to the 7th Division

Relieved 16 October 1939 from assignment to the 7th Division and assigned to the 6th Division

Relieved 10 May 1941 from assignment to the 6th Division

(1st Battalion inactivated 1 June 1941 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; activated 14 February 1942 in Newfoundland)

(2d Battalion [less Headquarters and Headquarters Company] inactivated 1 September 1942 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota [Headquarters and Headquarters Company concurrently inactivated in Greenland]; battalion activated 22 October 1943 at Camp Butner, North Carolina)

Inactivated 20 November 1946 in Germany

Regiment (less 2d Battalion) activated 6 April 1948 at Fort Myer, Virginia (2d Battalion concurrently activated at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.)

Reorganized 1 July 1957 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Withdrawn 16 January 1986 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as the 3d Infantry Regiment

### **ANNEX**

Constituted 3 May 1861 in the Regular Army as the 3d Battalion, 19th Infantry

Organized May 1865-September 1866 at Fort Wayne, Michigan; Newport Barracks, Kentucky; and Fort Columbus, New York

Reorganized and redesignated 23 November 1866 as the 37th Infantry

Part of the 37th Infantry consolidated August-December 1869 with the 3d Infantry and consolidated unit designated as the 3d Infantry (remaining half of the 37th Infantry consolidated in June 1869 with the 5th Infantry and consolidated unit designated as the 5th Infantry--hereafter separate lineage)

## **3d INFANTRY REGIMENT (THE OLD GUARD)**

### **CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT**

#### War of 1812

Canada  
Chippewa  
Lundy's Lane

#### Mexican War

Palo Alto  
Resaca de la Palma  
Monterey  
Vera Cruz  
Cerro Gordo  
Contreras  
Churubusco  
Chapultepec

#### Civil War

Bull Run  
Peninsula  
Manassas  
Antietam  
Fredericksburg  
Chancellorsville  
Gettysburg  
Appomattox  
Texas 1861  
Florida 1861  
Florida 1862  
Virginia 1863

#### Indian Wars

Miami  
Seminoles  
Comanches  
New Mexico 1856  
New Mexico 1857  
New Mexico 1858  
New Mexico 1860  
Montana 1887

#### War with Spain

Santiago

#### Philippine Insurrection

Malolos  
San Isidro  
Luzon 1899  
Luzon 1900  
Jolo 1911

#### World War II

American Theater,  
    Streamer without inscription  
Northern France

#### 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

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### **DECORATIONS**

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered SAIGON - LONG BINH

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered KARBALA AND AN NAJAF, IRAQ

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
1969-1973

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003-2004

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

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

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1984-1985

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 1993

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2002-2003

Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer embroidered 2004-2005

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