



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

**163d MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION
(THE BLUE WATCH)**

Constituted 5 April 1945 in the Army of the United States as the 163d Language Detachment

Activated 23 April 1945 in the Philippine Islands

Reorganized and redesignated 25 September 1949 as the 163d Military Intelligence Service Detachment

Allotted 19 December 1950 to the Regular Army

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1952 as the 163d Military Intelligence Service Platoon

Reorganized and redesignated 28 March 1954 as the 163d Military Intelligence Platoon

Inactivated 15 November 1954 in Korea

Activated 26 December 1955 in Italy

Reorganized and redesignated 20 September 1957 as the 163d Military Intelligence Battalion

Inactivated 25 April 1964 in Italy

Redesignated 1 October 1969 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 163d Military Intelligence Battalion, and activated at Fort Hood, Texas (Company A concurrently constituted and activated)

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(Company A reorganized and redesignated 21 April 1978 as Company B; 529th Military Intelligence Company [see ANNEX] concurrently reorganized and redesignated as Company A)

Battalion inactivated 15 September 1997 at Fort Hood, Texas

Activated 16 January 2006 at Fort Hood, Texas

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ANNEX

Constituted 14 July 1945 in the Army of the United States as the 255th Interrogation Prisoner of War Team and activated in Germany

Inactivated 30 November 1946 in Germany

Redesignated 1 October 1948 as the 529th Interrogation Team and allotted to the Regular Army

Activated 15 October 1948 at Fort Riley, Kansas

Inactivated 10 February 1949 at Fort Riley, Kansas

Redesignated 17 March 1965 as the 529th Military Intelligence Company

Activated 19 March 1965 at Fort Hood, Texas

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Luzon

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

Southwest Asia

Cease-Fire

War on Terrorism

Iraq:

National Resolution

Iraqi Surge

(Additional campaigns to determined)

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered INCHON

Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Streamer embroidered HWACHON RESERVOIR

Navy Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered PANMUNJOM

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

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2008-2009

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Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
2011-2012

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
2013-2014

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN
2017-2018

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO
4 JULY 1945

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

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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