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## **LINEAGE AND HONORS: An Overview of Organizational History Support**

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# The Story of the Frog in the Well (From chapter 17 of the *Zhuangzi*)



“The frog lived down in a well where there was all he had to live. One day, a soft shelled turtle came by and told him about the sea. 'The sea? Hah! It's paradise in here. Nothing can be better than this well. Why don't you come down and share my joy?' The turtle tried, and failed as the mouth of the well was too small. 'Why don't you go see the sea instead? During reign of Yu the Great, there was flooding for nine out of ten years, yet the sea barely grew an inch. During Tang of Shang's reign, droughts were experienced in seven out of eight years, yet the sea hardly shrank. Being unaffected by such disasters is the joy of living in the sea.'

**Moral: People know nothing aside from their own world.”**

【子獨不聞夫埵井之鼃乎？謂東海之鱉曰：『吾樂與！出跳梁乎井幹之上，入休乎缺甃之崖；赴水則接腋持頤，蹶泥則沒足滅跗；還軒蟹與科斗，莫吾能若也。且夫擅一壑之水，而跨踦埵井之樂，此亦至矣，夫子奚不時來入觀乎！』東海之鱉左足未入，而右膝已繫矣。於是逡巡而卻，告之海曰：『夫千里之遠，不足以舉其大；千仞之高，不足以極其深。禹之時十年九潦，而水弗為加益；湯之時八年七旱，而崖不為加損。夫不為頃久推移，不以多少進退者，此亦東海之大樂也。』於是埵井之鼃聞之，適適然驚，規規然自失也。】



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**CMH's Force Structure and Unit History Branch is where the Army establishes and maintains connections between its historic units and the current and future force structure**



# U.S. Army Center of Military History Organizational History



## Organizational History Program (AR 870-5)

- Lineage and Honors Determination & Certificates
- Special Designations, Unit Days
- Force Structure Support Program
- Support DA G-3 (and others) in any action that impacts unit designation or passage of Lineage & Honors
  - Determine official unit designations: Commanders are not authorized to change unit designations, alter unit lineages, or designate commanders of brigades and other non-regimental units to be custodians of regiments, even if units representing regiments are subordinate to those commands
    - Select historic units for reactivation
    - Maintain “Rolls of the Army”
    - Function transferred to CMH from TAG in 1987



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## Organizational History



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### Regular Army / US Army Reserve

- Units can be inactivated and reactivated
- Lineage not traced through personnel or geographic location
- Normally associated with single or closely related branch
- Designation selected by CMH

### Army National Guard

- ARNG unit lineage based on location and personnel
- Not normally inactivated and reactivated
- Can be converted to widely disparate branches depending on state force structure requirements / authorizations
- Designation requested by state, approved by CMH



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## Table of Organization and Equipment

- TOE – Base document
- MTOE – Modification of base document for specific unit
- More than one of same type
- Deployable
- Can be inactivated and reactivated
- Gets Lineage and Honors Certificate
- Approx. 5500 MTOE units currently active

## Table of Distribution and Allowances

- Unique, specific purpose
- Typically non-deployable
- Only exists while active; not retained in inactive status
- Organized / Discontinued
- Does not get Lineage and Honors Certificate (exception some training units)



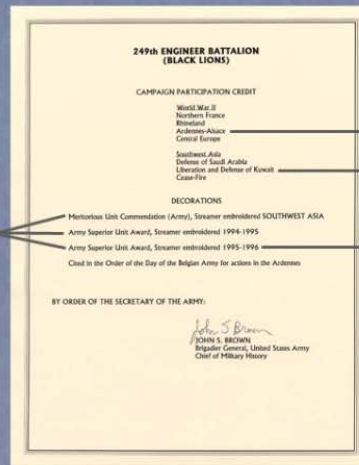
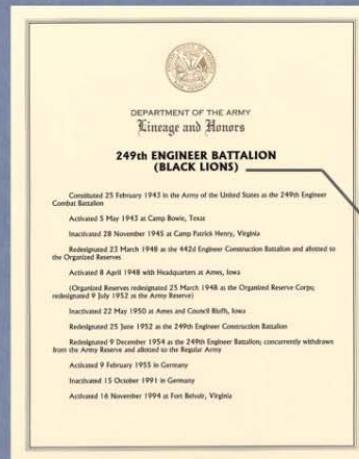
# U.S. Army Center of Military History Lineage and Honors Certificate



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US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
NCO OF THE YEAR 2005



LINEAGE AND HONORS--PART OF THE PAGEANTRY OF ARMY HISTORY



The Lineage and Honors Certificate prepared by the Force Structure and Unit History Branch is a unit's birth certificate and deed of entitlements. The regulatory authority for a TOE unit's history and honors, the Lineage is required to order decoration and campaign streamers for unit colors, and informs soldiers of their unit's decorations.



# U.S. Army Center of Military History Organizational History File



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- **All units required to maintain a Unit Organizational History File – it is a unit responsibility to maintain and preserve this information**
  - **Purpose: provide meaningful material of historical value to present and future members and be used to instill unit pride and esprit de corps**
  - **Unit's documentary record of its history, traditions, accomplishments; NOT operational records and files**
  - **The place for documents (annual history reports; chronologies of unit operations, activities, and significant events), lists of previous unit commanders and senior NCOs, photographs**
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# U.S. Army Center of Military History Unit Awards and Campaign Participation Credit



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## Unit Awards and Campaign Participation Credit

- Assist Human Resources Command
- Review Unit Awards and Campaign Participation Credit for correct designations, duplication of honors, and units not mobilized / deployed for full period of award.
- CMH does not approve awards or recommend approval, or get involved in the submission process.
- Award elements (streamer / certificate) not distributed by HRC until CMH completes review.



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## Force Structure Support



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### Force Structure Support

#### DA G-3/5/7 (DCS Ops & Plans)

- Routine planning of force structure
- Provide unit designation / historic UIC
- Major buildups/drawdowns; retain historic/appropriate units
- Review concept plans submitted to G-3 by ACOMs / ASCCs /

#### DRUs

#### US Army Force Management Support Agency (USAFMSA)

- Designation lines for TOEs
- Longname entry into Defense Readiness Reporting System – Army (DRRS-A)

#### TRADOC Centers and Schools

- Assist in development of concept plans as relates to previous organization of units, designations, impact on lineage



# U.S. Army Center of Military History Points of Contact



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Points of Contact for Unit History related inquiries:

FSUH Branch (AAMH-FPO): Unit Lineage & Honors, Unit Designations

Website: <http://www.history.army.mil>

E-mail: [usarmy.mcnair.cmh.mbx.answers@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mcnair.cmh.mbx.answers@mail.mil)

The Institute of Heraldry (TIOH): Heraldic Items (esp. design), including flags/guidons, shoulder sleeve insignia, distinctive unit insignia (mottoes)

Website: <http://www.tioh.hqda.pentagon.mil>

E-mail: [usarmy.belvoir.hqda.mail.tioh-webmaster@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.belvoir.hqda.mail.tioh-webmaster@mail.mil)

USA Tank-Automotive & Armaments Command (TACOM):  
Manufacturing/requisition of heraldic items

Website: [www.heraldry.army.mil](http://www.heraldry.army.mil)

USA Human Resources Command (HRC), Awards and Decorations Branch: Unit Awards, Campaign Participation Credit authorization

Website: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Awards%20and%20Decorations%20Branch>

E-mail address: [usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-awards@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-awards@mail.mil)



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- **Army Regulations and Authorities Governing Unit History**

- *AR 870-5, Historical Activities: Military History: Responsibilities, Policies, and Procedures,*  
[http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r870\\_5.pdf](http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r870_5.pdf)
- *AR 870-20, Historical Activities: Army Museums, Historical Artifacts, and Art,* [http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r870\\_20.pdf](http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r870_20.pdf)
- *ATP 1-20, Military History Operations,*  
[http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/DR\\_pubs/dr\\_a/pdf/atp1\\_20.pdf](http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/DR_pubs/dr_a/pdf/atp1_20.pdf)
- *CALL Handbook 09-22, Commander's Guide to Operational Records and Data Collection: Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures,*  
<http://cgsc.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15040coll4/id/7>



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## Useful Information for Unit Historians



- **Master Index of Army Records see AHEC for unofficial published histories and the National Archives for official unit records,**  
<http://www.history.army.mil/reference/records.htm>
- **A unit plan to preserve its identity and heritage: LTC Shane P. Morgan and CPT Timothy M. Ratliff, “Regimental History: Purpose and Preservation,”**  
*Army History* 64.7: 46-48 (July 2014)  
[http://www.ausa.org/publications/armymagazine/archive/2014/Documents/07July14/MorganRatliff\\_June2014.pdf](http://www.ausa.org/publications/armymagazine/archive/2014/Documents/07July14/MorganRatliff_June2014.pdf)



# U.S. Army Center of Military History Web Addresses



- CMH website [www.history.army.mil](http://www.history.army.mil)
  - Force Structure and Unit History Branch, Lineage and Honors information,  
<http://www.history.army.mil/unitinfo.html>
  - The Combat Arms Regimental System Q & A,  
<http://www.history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/cars.html>
  - Organizational History,  
<http://www.history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/ohpam.html>
  - U.S. Army Guide to Oral History,  
<http://www.history.army.mil/html/books/oral/oral.html>,  
or <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/oralhist.htm>



# U.S. Army Center of Military History Campaign Participation Credit



- **Applying for Unit Campaign Participation Credit**
  - Units register deployments for CPC in the GWOT through the US Army HRC, Awards and Decorations branch, e-mail [usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-awards@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-awards@mail.mil)
- **Additional instructions available:**
  - Check HRC website, <https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Campaign%20Participation%20Credit%20CPC>
  - MILPER Message 12-253 (issued 8 August 2012)
- **This process must be completed before the relevant CPC can be added to a unit's Lineage and Honors certificate.**



# U.S. Army Center of Military History Lineage and Honors



- **Lineage and Honors Certificate requests**
  - Unit commanders submit request on unit letterhead to U.S. Army Center of Military History, ATTN: AAMH-FPO, 102 4th Avenue, Building 35 (Collins Hall), Fort Lesley J. McNair, DC 20319-5060; requests should include a return mailing address and a POC
  - Requests can be made by e-mail  
<http://www.history.army.mil/inquire.html>





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# Questions