



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

159th ARMY BAND

Organized 8 May 1861 at San Francisco as the Band, 1st Infantry Regiment, California Militia

(Organized Militia of California redesignated 2 April 1866 as the California National Guard)

Mustered into Federal service 6 May 1898 at San Francisco as the Band, 1st California Volunteer Infantry; mustered out 21 September 1899 at San Francisco

Redesignated 11 May 1907 as the Band, 5th Infantry Regiment, California National Guard

Reorganized and redesignated 19 April 1909 as the Band, 1st Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917 and redesignated as the 1st Band, Coast Defenses of San Francisco

Reorganized and redesignated 21 May 1918 as the Band, 67th Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps

Demobilized 24 April 1919 at the Presidio of San Francisco, California

Reconstituted in the California National Guard, reorganized, and Federally recognized 28 July 1921 at San Francisco as the Band, 1st Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps

Reorganized and redesignated 5 January 1922 as the Band Section, Headquarters Company, 1st Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps

Reorganized and redesignated 6 October 1923 as the Band Section, Headquarters Battery, 250th Coast Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 1 November 1924 as the Band Section, Service Battery, 250th Coast Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 15 March 1940 as the Band, 250th Coast Artillery

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at San Francisco

Reorganized and redesignated 23 May 1944 as the 93d Army Ground Forces Band

Inactivated 5 December 1945 at Camp Wolters, Texas

159th Army Band

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Reorganized and Federally recognized 7 January 1948 at San Francisco as the 49th Infantry Division Band

Location changed 2 May 1949 to Alameda

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 49th Infantry Division Trains and 49th Infantry Division Band

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1963 as Headquarters, Headquarters and Band, 49th Infantry Division Support Command

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1964 as Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, 49th Infantry Division Support Command

Reorganized and redesignated 29 January 1968 as the 159th Army Band; concurrently, relieved from assignment to the 49th Infantry Division

HOME STATION: Alameda

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

(Band has no flag, color, or guidon to display honors)

War with Spain
Manila

Philippine Insurrection
Manila

World War I
War service in France, but not in
any named campaign

DECORATIONS

None

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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Major General, USA
The Adjutant General