



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Lineage and Honors

251st ARTILLERY

Organized 12 October 1881 as the San Diego City Guard, California National Guard, at San Diego

Reorganized and redesignated 22 July 1885 as Company B, 7th Infantry Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 5 May 1888 as Company B, 7th Infantry Regiment

Reorganized and redesignated 8 February 1890 as Company B, 9th Infantry Regiment; concurrently, the San Diego Rifles (organized 7 September 1889) reorganized and redesignated as Company A, 9th Infantry Regiment

Companies A and B, 9th Infantry Regiment consolidated, reorganized, and redesignated 7 December 1895 as Company B, 7th Infantry Regiment

Mustered into Federal service 9 May 1898 at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, as Company B, 7th California Volunteer Infantry; mustered out 2 December 1898 at Los Angeles

Reorganized and redesignated 29 June 1909 as the 5th Company, 1st Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps, at San Diego

Called into Federal service 12 April 1917; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Reorganized and redesignated 31 August 1917 as the 5th Company, Coast Defenses of San Diego

Reorganized and redesignated 15 January 1918 as Company B, 2d Antiaircraft Battalion

Demobilized 15 January 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Former 5th Company and 8th Company (see ANNEX 1), 1st Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps reconstituted in the California National Guard, expanded, and reorganized 10 February - 20 April 1921 at San Diego as the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Companies, 1st Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps

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Reorganized and expanded 9 January 1922 as the San Diego Fort Command, 1st Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps, with the 463d, 464th, 465th, and 466th Companies assigned

Reorganized and redesignated 6 October 1923 as the 2d Battalion, 250th Coast Artillery

Consolidated 1 November 1924 with Batteries I and K, 250th Coast Artillery (see ANNEXES 2 and 3), expanded, reorganized, and redesignated as the 251st Coast Artillery, with Headquarters at San Diego

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 at San Diego

Regiment broken up 1 March 1944 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows:

1st Battalion as the 746th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion
Regimental Headquarters and 2d Battalion as the 951st Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion
(Headquarters Battery as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 251st Antiaircraft Artillery Group [later redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 114th Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade]; Band as the 288th Army Band; separate lineages)

After 1 March 1944 the above units underwent changes as follows:

746th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion inactivated 15 January 1946 at Camp Stoneman, California. Reorganized in the California National Guard as follows:

Batteries B and D consolidated, reorganized, and Federally recognized 24 February 1947 at San Diego as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 746th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (organic elements subsequently organized and Federally recognized as new units)

Batteries A and C consolidated, reorganized, and Federally recognized 25 April 1947 at San Diego as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 730th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (organic elements subsequently organized and Federally recognized as new units)

(Headquarters and Headquarters Battery reorganized and Federally recognized 24 February 1947 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 251st Antiaircraft Artillery Group; separate lineage)

After 1947 the above units underwent changes as follows:

746th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion ordered into active Federal service 14 August 1950 at San Diego. Released from active Federal service 13 June 1952 and reverted to state control. Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 746th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

730th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 730th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. (Location of Headquarters changed 30 September 1949 to National City).

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951st Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion inactivated 29 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California. Reorganized in the California National Guard as follows:

Batteries A and B consolidated, reorganized, and Federally recognized 2 June 1947 at Long Beach as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 682d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (organic elements subsequently organized and Federally recognized as new units)

Battalion Headquarters and Batteries C and D consolidated, reorganized, and Federally recognized 10 April 1947 at Long Beach as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 720th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (organic elements subsequently organized and Federally recognized as new units)

(Headquarters Battery reorganized and Federally recognized 24 February 1947 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 234th Antiaircraft Artillery Group; separate lineage)

After 1947 the above units underwent changes as follows:

682d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1951 as the 682d Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1953 as 682d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

720th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1953 as the 720th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Reorganized and redesignated 1 June 1957 as the 720th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion (NIKE). Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1958 as the 720th Missile Battalion (NIKE)

746th, 730th, and 682d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalions and the 720th Missile Battalion (NIKE) consolidated, reorganized, and redesignated 1 May 1959 as the 251st Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Gun Battalions and the 4th Missile Battalion (NIKE-AJAX)

Reorganized 1 May 1962 to consist of the 3d Howitzer Battalion and the 4th Missile Battalion (NIKE-AJAX)

Reorganized 11 December 1962 to consist of the 3d Howitzer Battalion and the 4th Missile Battalion (NIKE-HERCULES)

Reorganized 1 March 1963 to consist of the 4th Missile Battalion (NIKE-HERCULES)

Reorganized 1 January 1966 to consist of the 4th Battalion (NIKE-HERCULES)

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ANNEX 1

Organized 11 May 1910 at San Diego as the 8th Company, 1st Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps, California National Guard

Called into Federal service 12 April 1917; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Redesignated 31 August 1917 as the 6th Company, Coast Defenses of San Diego

Redesignated 1 January 1918 as Battery B, 65th Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps

Demobilized 28 February 1919 at Camp Lewis, Washington

ANNEX 2

Organized 6 October 1916 at Long Beach as the 23d Company, 2d Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps, California National Guard

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Redesignated 4 September 1917 as the 11th Company, Los Angeles Coast Defense Corps

Redesignated 1 February 1918 as the 14th Company, Coast Defenses of Los Angeles

Redesignated 25 June 1918 as the 11th Company, Coast Defenses of Los Angeles

Redesignated 20 October 1918 as Battery A, 19th Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps

Demobilized 24 December 1918 at Fort MacArthur, California

Reconstituted in the California National Guard and reorganized 28 November 1921 at Long Beach as the 9th Company, Coast Artillery Corps

Redesignated 9 January 1922 as the 467th Company, Coast Artillery Corps

Redesignated 6 October 1923 as Battery I, 250th Coast Artillery

ANNEX 3

Organized 24 September 1916 at San Pedro as the 16th Company, 2d Coast Defense Command, Coast Artillery Corps, California National Guard

Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Redesignated 4 September 1917 as the 5th Company, Los Angeles Coast Defense Corps

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Redesignated 20 January 1918 as Battery D, 2d Antiaircraft Battalion

Demobilized 19 January 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Reconstituted in the California National Guard and reorganized 6 April 1922
at San Pedro as the 468th Company, Coast Artillery Corps

Redesignated 6 October 1923 as Battery K, 250th Coast Artillery

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I
St. Mihiel
Meuse-Argonne

World War II
Central Pacific
Northern Solomons
Leyte
Luzon (with arrowhead)
Southern Philippines

DECORATIONS

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

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Kenneth G. Wickham

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The Adjutant General

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