



INSIGNIA AND MOTTO

F Troop, 17th Cavalry Regiment distinctive unit insignia features a winged spur that is emblematic of cavalry and speed. The blue ribbon alludes to service with the American Expeditionary Forces. The motto is "Forward".

VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS

The unit was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969; and Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971. The United States military began authorizing the Vietnam Gallantry Cross in March 1968 with retroactive presentation of the decoration to 1961. In 1974, Army General Order Number 8 authorized the Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation to every military unit of the United States Army which had served under the Military Assistance Command from 1961 to 1974. This effectively granted the unit version of the award to any member of the U.S. Army who had served for any period of time in the Republic of Vietnam.

BATTLE CREDITS

Battle credits in World War II include Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe. Vietnam battle credits were: 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; Consolidation II; Cease-Fire.

F TROOP 17TH CAVALRY REGIMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY



**Armor Memorial Park
Fort Knox, Kentucky**

**July 23, 2010
9:00 a.m.**





SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



Pre-ceremony Concert	38th Infantry Division Band Indiana Army National Guard Indianapolis, Indiana
Presentation of Colors	Noncommissioned Officer Academy Fort Knox, Kentucky
Star Spangled Banner	38th Infantry Division Band
Invocation	Chaplain (Major) Raymond E. Folsom Fort Knox, Kentucky
Guest Introductions	Mr. Richard L. Frymire Fort Knox, Kentucky
Address	Colonel David E. Thompson Commander , 194th Armored Brigade Fort Knox, Kentucky
Meditation	Chaplain (Major) Raymond E. Folsom
Honor Roll and Bells	F Troop, 17th Cavalry Regiment
Monument Unveiling	F Troop, 17th Cavalry Regiment
Wreath-laying	F Troop, 17th Cavalry Regiment
Gun Salute	Unit TBA
Taps	Bugler, Fort Knox
Closing Music	38th Infantry Division Band
Closing Comments	Lieutenant Colonel Ken Biscan (Retired) United States Army



UNITED STATES ARMY



“The Army Goes Rolling Along” is the official song of the United States Army. The song was originally written by field artillery First Lieutenant (later Brigadier General) Edmund L. Gruber, while stationed in the Philippines in 1908 as the "Caisson Song." The original lyrics reflect routine activities in a horse-drawn field artillery battery. The song was transformed into a march by John Philip Sousa in 1917 and renamed "The Field Artillery Song." It was adopted in 1952 as the official song of the Army and re-titled, "The Army Goes Rolling Along." The current lyrics tell the story of the Army's past, present, and future. The "Army Goes Rolling Along" is played at the conclusion of every United States Army ceremony and all soldiers are expected to stand and sing. The 113th Band will play an abbreviated version that includes the first verse and refrain.

Verse

**First to fight for the right,
And to build the nation's might,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done'
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.**

Refrain

**Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That the Army Goes Rolling Along.**



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL



The lyrics to *America the Beautiful* were written by Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) an instructor at Wellesley College, Massachusetts, after an inspiring trip to the top of Pikes Peak, Colorado, in 1893. Her poem first appeared in print in *The Congregationalist*, a weekly journal, on July 4, 1895 to commemorate the Fourth of July. It quickly caught the public's fancy and Ms. Bates published amended versions in 1904 and again in 1913. Several existing pieces of music were adapted to the poem. The hymn tune "Materna" composed in 1882 by Samuel A. Ward was generally considered the best music as early as 1910 and is still the popular tune today. Ward had been similarly inspired. The tune came to him while he was on a ferryboat trip from Coney Island back to his home in New York City after a leisurely summer day, and he immediately wrote it down. Ward died in 1903, not knowing the national stature his music would attain. Ms. Bates was more fortunate, as the song's popularity was well established before her death. Over the last 100 years there have been efforts to give *America the Beautiful* legal status either as a national hymn equal to or in place of the *Star Spangled Banner*. Although any effort to change the national tradition has been stymied *America the Beautiful* continues to be held in high esteem by a large number of Americans.

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
 For amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the fruited plain!
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea!**

★ F TROOP, 17TH CAVALRY REGIMENT ★

The 17th Cavalry Regiment was first constituted and activated as F Troop, 17th Cavalry Regiment on 1 July 1916 at Fort Bliss Texas. The 17th Cavalry was transferred to Douglas, Arizona on 17 May 1917 in response to the need for additional border security and to quiet labor unrest in the Arizona copper mines. In April, 1919 the 17th was ordered to Schofield Barracks Hawaii relieving the 4th Cavalry Regiment. The 17th was charged with the defense of the island of Oahu's shoreline less Honolulu and Pearl Harbor until September 1921 when the regiment was transferred to the Presidio of Monterey, California where it was inactivated on 21 September 1921. In WWII the 17th Armored Group served in the Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns while attached to the XII Corps. The 17th Armored Group was inactivated on 30 April 1946 in Germany. On 9 March 1951 Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT), 17th Cavalry was consolidated with Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 17th Armored Group as HHC, 17th Armored Cavalry Group and activated on 20 March 1951 at Camp Polk, Louisiana. The Group was inactivated on 4 May 1959 at Fort Stewart, Georgia. In 1959 reconstituted line troops of the 17th Cavalry Regiment and HHC, 17th Armored Cavalry Group were consolidated to form the 17th Cavalry a parent regiment in the Combat Arms Regimental System. F Troop, 17th Cavalry was reconstituted on 15 September 1965 as a brigade reconnaissance troop, assigned to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade (LIB) and activated at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. F Troop arrived in Vietnam on 26 August 1966 with the 196th LIB which was attached to the 25th Infantry Division as its fourth maneuver brigade and based at Tay Ninh. The 196th including F Troop participated with the 25th Infantry Division in some of the largest operations of the Vietnam War including Attleboro, Cedar Falls and Junction City with F Troop conducting reconnaissance and security missions throughout the brigade's areas of operations. In late April and early May 1967 the 196th was sent north to Task Force Oregon (later redesignated Americal Division) and initially stationed at Chu Lai in Military Region 1. From 1967 to 1972 F Troop distinguished itself in the conduct cavalry operations in support of 196th Brigade elements operating in the areas of Chu Lai Tam Ky, Hoi An and Da Nang. F Troop was the last ground cavalry troop to leave Vietnam departing on 31 March 1972 and then was inactivated. On 16 November 2005 Troop F was reorganized, redesignated and activated as HHT, 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment (squadron organic elements constituted and activated) at Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii and assigned to the Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division as an OH-58 attack helicopter squadron.



HONOR ROLL AND BELLS



SSG Walter Daniels, November 15, 1966	CPL James Howard, October 30, 1968
SPECL-4 Thomas Shaw, November 15, 1966	CPL Kevin Moline, October 30, 1968
PFC Thomas Mitchell, November 15, 1966	SPECL-4 Carl Jones, January 1, 1969
SSG John Hargett, January 5, 1967	SPECL-4 Michael Holmes, April 14, 1969
SPECL-4 Edwardo Cazanias-Diaz, January 7, 1967	PFC Gregory Heinrich, May 4, 1969
PFC Gerald Huffman, May 17, 1967	SPECL-4 Joseph Karpy, May 4, 1969
SGT Joseph Cloud, November 23, 1967	1LT William Overton, May 4, 1969
SSG Lionel Butler, February 7, 1968	PFC Richard Sweet, May 4, 1969
SPECL-4 Ismael Holguin, February 7, 1968	SPECL-4 Mylon Hopkins, June 11, 1969
SPECL-4 Lewis Newberry, February 7, 1968	SPECL-4 Dennis Murray, June 12, 1969
SPECL-4 Gordon Wetjen, February 7, 1968	CPL Willie Davis, July 14, 1969
SSG Dillard Rye, February 10, 1968	PVT Michael Koonce, September 14, 1969
SGT Ronnie Adams, February 13, 1968	PFC Dewey Ray, September 14, 1969
SPECL-4 Lester Smart, February 13, 1968	SGT Larry Sweet, September 14, 1969
SPECL-4 Wayne Pingle, February 23, 1968	CPL Thomas Gouldin, November 18, 1969
PFC Willie Shipman, February 23, 1968	SPECL-4 Roger Brown, December 26, 1969
SGT Leroy Katterhenry, March 15, 1968	CPL Vincent McCann, December 26, 1969
SGT Richard Biesiada, May 21, 1968	CPL Louis Zabrowski, December 27, 1969
CPL Robert David, May 21, 1968	PFC Jerry Kays, January 9, 1970
SFC Alton Singletary, May 21, 1968	SPECL-4 Edward Craig, February 1, 1970
SGT Daniel Thompson, May 23, 1968	SPECL 4-Kenneth Higgins, February 20, 1970
SPECL-4 Sidney Conolly, June 18, 1968	SPECL-4 Dexter Harbour, February 20, 1970
SSG Jim Bell, October 30, 1968	SPECL-4 Reggie Hinson, February 20, 1970



HONOR ROLL AND BELLS



PFC Dennis Joy, February 20, 1970	SPECL-4 George Marr, January 23, 1971
SPECL-4 Charles Medley, February 20, 1970	SGT George Spence, March 4, 1971
SSG Leon Miller, February 20, 1970	CPL Richard Morgan, April 7, 1971
CPL Thomas Porter, February 20, 1970	1LT David Wood, April 26, 1971
PFC Robert Wilson, February 20, 1970	SPECL-4 Tony Bingham, April 27, 1971
SFC Gordon Zimmerman, February 20, 1970	CPL Richard Likely, April 27, 1971
SPECL-4 Gary Burkett, March 16, 1970	SPECL-5 Terrill Bradford, April 29, 1971
PFC Russel LaFave, April 1, 1970	SSG Allen Scoggin, May 14, 1971
1LT Douglas Mabee, April 10, 1970	SGT Robert Dewine, May 14, 1971
SPECL-4 Randall Carver, July 2, 1970	CPL Donald Poke, May 14, 1971
SPECL-4 John Mitchell, May 2, 1970	PFC Edward Heasley, May 14, 1971
SPECL-4 William Emanuel, July 2, 1970	CPL Jeffrey Cooper, May 14, 1971
PFC James Merz, July 2, 1970	SGT Carroll Benton, June 12, 1971
1LT David Miller, July 2, 1970	SPECL-4 Patrick Morris, June 30, 1971
PVT Charlie Benton, July 6, 1970	SPECL-4 John Houston, June 30, 1971
PFC Kenneth Reber, July 7, 1970	SPECL-4 Steven O'Neal, June 30, 1971
SPECL-4 Larry Rasey, July 26, 1970	SPECL-4 Phillip Bridges, June 30, 1971
CPL Kenneth Gniewek, July 7, 1970	SPECL-4 Robert Curran, August 5, 1971
PFC Mark Olson, October 1, 1970	SPECL-4 Marshall Naffziger, August 5, 1971
PFC Joseph Borruso, October 26, 1970	SSG James Reamer, August 5, 1971
CPL Ronnie Gerten, December 31, 1970	PFC Willie Kuykendall, August 18, 1971
SPECL-4 John Orsini, December 31, 1970	PFC Melvin Weaks, August 18, 1971
PFC Ira Gibbs, December 31, 1970	