

2D CAVALRY REGIMENT



Coat of Arms



Distinctive Unit Insignia



Shoulder Sleeve Insignia



Combat Service Identification Badge

Coat of Arms.

Blazon:

Shield: Tenné, a dragoon in the uniform of the Mexican War mounted on a white horse brandishing a saber and charging a Mexican field gun defended by a gunner armed with a rammer all proper, in chief two eight-pointed mullets Or.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors (Or and Tenné) the head dress of the dragoons of 1836 Proper.

Motto: Toujours Prêt (Always Ready).

Symbolism:

Shield: The color of the facings of the old dragoon regiment was orange, which is used for the field of the shield; the insignia was an eight-pointed star of gold, two of them (conforming with the numerical designation) are placed on the shield. The traditional episode in the regiment is the charge of Captain May's squadron on the Mexican artillery at Resaca de la Palma which is commemorated by the principal charge on the shield.

Crest: The crest is self-explanatory.

Background: The coat of arms was originally approved for the 2d Cavalry Regiment on 6 August 1920. It was amended to change the 6 pointed stars to 8 pointed stars to conform to the old dragoon star on 28 April 1924. The coat of arms was redesignated for the 2d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron on 31 July 1944. On 26 November 1946, it was redesignated for the 2d Constabulary Squadron. It was redesignated for the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment (US Constabulary) on 17 March 1949. The coat of arms was redesignated for the 2d Armored Cavalry on 1 September 1955. The insignia was redesignated effective 16 April 2005, for the 2d Cavalry Regiment.

Distinctive Unit Insignia. Description: A metal and enamel device one inch (2.54 cm) in height consisting of a gold eight pointed star of rays surmounted by a green palmetto leaf charged with a silver color fleur-de-lis, on a green ribbon scroll forming the base of the device, the regimental motto "Toujours Prêt" in gold metal letters.

Symbolism: The eight-pointed star insignia worn by dragoons, the 2d Cavalry having been originally formed as the Second Regiment of Dragoons in 1836. The palmetto leaf represents the Regiment's first action against the Seminole Indians in Florida, where the palmetto leaf grows in abundance. The fleur-de-lis is for combat service in France in both World War I and World War II. The motto "Toujours Prêt" (Always Ready) expresses the spirit and élan of the Regiment.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 2d Cavalry Regiment on 16 January 1923. The insignia was amended to change the 6 pointed star to a 8 pointed star to conform to the old dragoon star on 28 April 1924. On the 23 March 1931, it was amended to prescribe the method of wear. It was

redesignated for the 2d Constabulary Squadron on 21 January 1948. The insignia was redesignated for the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment (US Constabulary) on 17 March 1949. It was redesignated for the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment on 1 September 1955. The distinctive unit insignia was amended to change the description on 20 August 1965. It was redesignated effective 16 April 2005, for the 2d Cavalry Regiment.

Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. Description: On a black disc within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) yellow border 2 3/4 inches (6.99 cm) in diameter overall, a yellow octagonal with concave sides a green scalloped circle bearing a white fleur-de-lis all above a green motto scroll bearing the inscription "Toujours Prêt" in yellow letters.

Symbolism: The design of the shoulder sleeve insignia is based on the Regiment's distinctive insignia, badge type, approved 28 April 1924. The yellow octagonal simulates the eight pointed star insignia worn by dragoons, the 2d Cavalry having been originally formed as the Second Regiment of Dragoons in 1836. The green scalloped circle, simulating a palmetto leaf, represents the Regiment's first action against the Seminole Indians in Florida, where the palmetto leaf grows in abundance. The fleur-de-lis is for combat service in France in both World War I and World War II. The motto "Toujours Prêt" (Always Ready) expresses the spirit and élan of the Regiment.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved for the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment on 23 June 1967. It was amended to change the symbolism on 9 October 1967. The insignia was redesignated effective 16 April 2005, with the description updated, for the 2d Cavalry Regiment. **(TIOH Dwg. No. A-1-459)**

Combat Service Identification Badge: A gold color metal and enamel device 2 inches (5.08 cm) in height consisting of a design similar to the shoulder sleeve insignia.