

# UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES COMMAND



**Shoulder Sleeve Insignia**



**Combat Service Identification Badge**



**Distinctive Unit Insignia**

**Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. Description:** A disc 2 1/2 inches (6.35 cm) in diameter with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) Army green border consisting of three horizontal stripes of equal width of blue, white and red, the blue uppermost.

**Symbolism:** The design was selected during World War I by General Pershing for wear by all personnel assigned to General Headquarters, American Expedition Forces (AEF). The source of the design is a red, white, and blue horizontally striped brassard worn as a distinguishing mark by staff officers when moving about on duty in congested areas at the front in World War I. In 1941, the brassard prescribed for General Headquarters, AEF consisted of three stripes of blue, white and red, the blue uppermost. Therefore, the insignia was authorized to be worn with the blue uppermost to conform to the manner of wearing the brassard.

**Background:** The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved by General Headquarters, AEF, on 7 February 1919. It was approved by The Adjutant General on 17 June 1922. It was amended to change the manner of wear so that the blue would be uppermost on 19 July 1941. It was redesignated for Army Ground Forces on 27 March 1942. The insignia was redesignated for Army Field Forces on 11 May 48. It was redesignated for Continental Army Command on 9 September 1955. The insignia was redesignated for US Army Forces Command effective 1 July 1973. **(TIOH Dwg. No. A-1-192)**

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

**Distinctive Unit Insignia. Description:** A gold color metal and enamel device 1 3/16 inches (3.02 cm) in height overall consisting of a disc composed of three equal horizontal stripes blue, white, and red bearing in the center a superimposed gold eagle's head above a vertical gold sword in base, point up, the blade extending below the disc in front of and between two gold swords saltirewise, points up, outside and below the disc entwined with a blue double curved scroll inscribed "FREEDOM'S" on the top and "GUARDIAN" below in gold letters, the ends of the looped scroll terminating in back of the sword points on each side of the disc.

**Symbolism:** The disc horizontally divided blue, white, and red is suggested by the shoulder sleeve insignia. The eagle, which is a symbol of freedom, refers to part of the Command's motto and is also the National emblem. The sword, a symbol of protection and guardianship, alludes to the motto, and depicted unsheathed with point up denotes readiness for combat. The three swords signify the three components of the Army: Active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

**Background:** The distinctive unit insignia was approved effective 1 July 1973.