

83 FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT



DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

DESCRIPTION

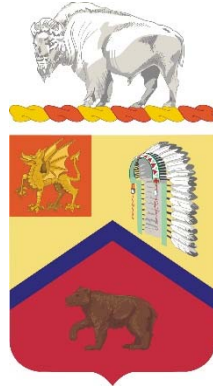
Shield. A gold color metal and enamel device 1 5/32 inches (2.94 cm) in height overall consisting of the shield and motto of the coat of arms.

SYMBOLISM

Shield. The shield is yellow for Cavalry and red for Artillery. The blue chevronel denotes the Regiment's short period of service overseas during World War I. The Cheyenne warbonnet refers to the birthplace of the organization in Wyoming. The bear, from the crest of the state of California, commemorates service in the 8th Division at Camp Fremont, California. The canton represents the Regiment's formation by transfer of men from the 1st Cavalry (formerly 1st Dragoons) in 1917.

Background. The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 83d Field Artillery Regiment on 15 November 1923. It was redesignated for the 83d Field Artillery Battalion on 5 October 1942. It was redesignated for the 83d Armored Field Artillery Battalion on 13 May 1943. The insignia was redesignated for the 83d Field Artillery Battalion on 30 June 1950. It was again redesignated for the 83d Artillery Regiment on 21 November 1958. Effective 1 September 1971, the insignia was redesignated for the 83d Field Artillery Regiment. It was amended to reflect the change in symbolism on 10 January 1973. The insignia was amended to correct the symbolism on 12 October 1984.

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COAT OF ARMS

BLAZON

Shield. Party per chevron Or and Gules, a chevronel Azure between in sinister chief a Cheyenne warbonnet and in base a grizzly bear passant both Proper. On a canton Tenné a dragon passant of the first.

Crest. On a wreath of the colors, Or and Gules, a bison statant Argent.

Motto. FLAGRANTE BELLO (During Hostilities).

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Crest. The crest also symbolizes the birthplace of the organization.

Background. The coat of arms was originally approved for the 83d Field Artillery Regiment on 18 March 1920. It was redesignated for the 83d Field Artillery Battalion on 5 October 1942. It was redesignated for the 83d Armored Field Artillery Battalion on 13 May 1943. The insignia was redesignated for the 83d Field Artillery Battalion on 30 June 1950. It was again redesignated for the 83d Artillery Regiment on 21 November 1958. Effective 1 September 1971, the insignia was redesignated for the 83d Field Artillery Regiment. It was amended to reflect the change in symbolism on 10 January 1973. The coat of arms was amended to correct the symbolism on 12 October 1984.