

## 188th AVIATION COMPANY

Constituted 23 September 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 2026th Quartermaster Truck Company, Aviation

Activated 1 October 1942 at Lockbourne Army Air Base, Ohio

Inactivated 15 April 1946 in Japan

Converted and redesignated 1 August 1946 as the 2026th Transportation Corps Truck Company

Redesignated 1 November 1966 as the 188th Aviation Company, allotted to the Regular Army, and activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Inactivated 1 July 1968 in Vietnam

### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II - AP  
New Guinea

Vietnam  
Counteroffensive, Phase II  
Counteroffensive, Phase III  
Tet Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase IV

### DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1968

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM  
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GENERAL ORDERS  
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AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

Awarded: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Date action: 1 January 1967 to 31 December 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 12TH AVIATION GROUP and its assigned and attached units: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 12th Aviation Group; Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion; 12th Aviation Company (Airmobile); 393d Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 285th Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 432d Medical Detachment; 162d Aviation Company (Airmobile); 407th Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 450th Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 758th Medical Detachment; 173d Aviation Company (Airmobile); 408th Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 451st Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 759th Medical Detachment; 184th Aviation Company (Surveillance Airplane Light); 243d Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 205th Aviation Company (Medical Helicopter); 612th Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 213th Aviation Company (Medical Helicopter); 329th Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 145th Security Detachment (Provisional); 68th Aviation Company (Airmobile); 391st Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 282d Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 430th Medical Detachment; 74th Aviation Company (Surveillance Airplane Light); 563d Transportation Detachment (Army Aircraft Repair); 118th Aviation Company (Airmobile); 573d Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 198th Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 334th Aviation Company (Airmobile Light); 571st Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 320th Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 335th Aviation Company (Airmobile); 166th Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 234th Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 25th Medical Detachment; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion; 772d Medical Detachment; 191st Aviation Company (Airmobile); 606th Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 26th Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 200th Aviation Company (Medium Helicopter); 611th Transportation Detachment (Medium Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 240th Aviation Company (Airmobile); 619th Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 932d Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 222d Aviation Battalion (Transportation Aircraft); 85th Medical Detachment; 54th Aviation Company (Airmobile Fixed Wing); 255th Transportation Detachment (Army Aircraft Repair); 73d Aviation Company (Aerial Surveillance); 147th Aviation Company (Medical Helicopter); 171st Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion; 21st Aviation Company (Surveillance Airplane Light); 622d Signal Detachment (Avionics Maintenance); 116th Aviation Company (Airmobile); 392d Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 283d Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 431st Medical Detachment; 187th Aviation Company (Airmobile); 602d Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 1st Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 188th

Aviation Company (Airmobile); 603d Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance); 4th Signal Detachment (RADREP Avionics); 338th Aviation Detachment; 340th Aviation Detachment; 341st Aviation Detachment; 87th Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum) 390th Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum) (Bulk Storage & Issue) and the 2d Platoon, 478th Heavy Helicopter Company, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1967 to 31 December 1967. Since its inception in 1965, the group's six combat aviation battalions and one air cavalry squadron set new highs in flying hours (498,899), troops lifted (2,066,294) and tons of cargo carried (282,386). In conducting their extremely essential mission, units of the group ranged the length and breadth of the republic, participating in 105 United States and Free World Military Assistance Forces and 412 Army of the Republic of Vietnam operations. To keep abreast of the demands of an ever changing tactical situation, the 12TH AVIATION GROUP tested new equipment and integrated feasible concepts into its inventory, thus refining the tactics and techniques of airmobile operations. By initiating a survival/escape and evasion program, the group provided aircrews with training essential to surviving in a hostile environment. The overall superb aviation support rendered by this unit has significantly enhanced counterinsurgency aims in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 12TH AVIATION GROUP are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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