

269th AVIATION BATTALION

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of an equilateral triangle one angle up formed by three yellow bars with overlapping ends surmounted by a vertical crossbow-quarrel with a lightning flash radiating diagonally outwards and upwards from each side of the quarrel shaft immediately above the feathers and crossing the side bars of the equilateral triangle all on a blue cinquefoil shaped base.

Symbolism: The golden colored triangle represents a three runway complex on an airfield. The quarrel symbolizes aircraft using these runways, while the two flashes allude to an aviation battalion's capability to provide a ground control approach and aircraft communication and control facilities. The blue represents the sky. It is also associated with aviation units.

FLAG DEVICE

The flag device is the same as the distinctive insignia (badge).

LINEAGE AND HONORS

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(nondivisional)

Constituted 7 April 1966 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 269th Aviation Battalion. Activated 1 July 1966 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

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

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 48, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 22, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1968 (269th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968 (269th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 48, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1970 (269th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 5, 1973, and DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1970 (269th Aviation Battalion cited; DA GO 51, 1971)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion, cited; DA GO 55, 1971)

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