

# 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 bards 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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