

9 - 101st Aviation Regiment HISTORY (UPDATED 17 JULY 2002) The 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment was first organized as the 123rd Aviation Battalion in the Regular Army on 8 December 1967. It was activated and assigned to the 23rd Infantry Division (Americal) in the Republic of Vietnam. The battalion provided the Americal Division with aviation support until it was deactivated on 7 November 1971 in the Republic of Vietnam. On 21 July 1989, the 6th Command Aviation Battalion and one UH-60 Assault Helicopter Company from each of the 4th (C Co) and 5th (A Co) Assault Helicopter Battalions were provisionally activated as two battalions, 3rd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment (Corps) (UH-1) and 6th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment (UH-60). On 19 December 1987, under permanent orders 179-1, the 6th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment was designated as the 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment. During FY90, TF 9-101 provided habitual support for the 2nd Infantry ("Strike") Brigade. From this point on, the 9-101st Aviation Regiment adopted "Eagle Strike" as its official motto. The company mottoes are as follows: HHC- "Regulators", A Co- "Blackwidows", B Co- "Phantoms", C Co- "Wizards". As the Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait in August of 1990, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) was given the order to deploy troops in support of "Operation Desert Shield". Although very young in its development, 9-101st was selected to command and experience its first rendezvous with destiny. Task Force 9-101 was selected as the first assault aviation element from the 101st to deploy to Southwest Asia and participated in all major operations including the insertion of pathfinders supporting the initial strike against Iraqi early warning radars. On 23 July 1993, "Team Courage" was assembled around the battalion's Bravo Company to support ongoing operations of American forces deployed to Somalia for Operations Restore/Continued Hope. Combat operations over the city of Mogadishu resulted in Company B receiving the Valorous Unit Award. In October of 1997, the 9th Battalion was reorganized under the newly activated 159th Aviation Brigade (Assault). In the last two years the Battalion has deployed its aviation assets to one National Training Center and three Joint Readiness Training Center rotations, executed range aviation operations in support of Homeland Defense and provided strategic airlift deployment support to all Divisional aviation elements currently participating in Operation Enduring Freedom and remains poised to execute its next "Rendezvous with Destiny." "EAGLE STRIKE!" [Home </>] [News] [Mission] [History] [Key Personnel] [9-101 in Action] [Sponsor] Bobby Approved Updated: 30 April 2002 POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS WEB SITE: [REDACTED]

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