



# 9TH BATTALION

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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 the first to deploy to Southwest Asia. As Operation Restore/Continued Hope was ongoing in the country of Somalia, the 9-101st Aviation Regiment once again responded to the call of our nation. On 23 July 1993, "Team Courage" was assembled to support ongoing operations of American forces already deployed to Somalia. "Team courage" departed Fort Campbell on 14 August 1993 to a place which we would not soon forget. On 25 September 1993, while assigned as cover ship for a sniper mission a 9th Battalion Blackhawk was shot down by a rocket propelled grenade over the city of Mogadishu. The crew made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The rest of "Team Courage" and their loved ones back home will never forget their bravery and sacrifice. As the unit comes to the end of its sixth year of dedicated and courageous history, the "Eagle Strike" Battalion opens a new chapter under the 159th Aviation Brigade and awaits its next "Rendezvous with Destiny".

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Welcome to the 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment "Eagle Strike!" Home Page. On behalf of the fine soldiers of 9-101 Aviation Regiment, Command Sergeant Major Alfred W. Alexander and I take great pleasure in presenting you with information about our outstanding battalion. The purpose of this site is two-fold. First, this home page serves as a source of information for the general public as well as for the soldiers and families of this battalion. Second, each page introduces incoming soldiers to the unit and provides them with a contact list to ease their transition even before the sponsorship program begins. We hope that you find this site interesting, informative, and entertaining. Our battalion is proud of what we do and take our job of air assault operations seriously. Again, welcome and please feel free to email the point of contact with any questions or comments. Eagle Strike and Air Assault!

Steven J. Briggs  
Lieutenant Colonel, Aviation  
Commanding

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Command Sergeant Major	956-3808	
Executive Officer	956-3792	
Adjutant	956-3793	
Intelligence	956-3785	
Operations/Training	956-3775	
Supply/Logistics	956-4018	
Commander, HHC	956-4003	REGULATORS
Commander, A Company	798-4862	BLACK WIDOWS
Commander, B Company	798-4669	PHANTOMS
Commander, C Company	798-4972	WIZARDS

**STAFF DUTY NCO.....956-3802**

*(DSN: 363 FOR 956 #'S)*

*(DSN: 635 FOR 798 #'S)*

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**MISSION:** Deploy worldwide within 36 hours notification and conduct air assault and air movement operations as an integrated element of an air assault combined arms team.



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