

# HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 165th AVIATION GROUP

## HERALDIC ITEMS

### DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

*Description:* A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a pair of white wings on an inverted blue chevron, overall a silver sword; all interlaced with an elliptical silver band so that the wings and the arms of the chevron extend over and beyond the outer edge of the band and the point and hilt of the sword under and beyond; the upper part of the band inscribed "Guide" and the lower part "Follow, Safeguard" all in blue letters.

*Symbolism:* The chevron supporting the wings stands for the group's mission of aviation support. The crusader's sword is taken from the shoulder sleeve insignia of the United States Army Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. It refers to the activation and initial combat service of the group in Vietnam. In addition, the sword simulates a "1"; the sword and the inverted chevron together represent the numeral "6" (Roman numeral VI) and the inverted chevron represents the numeral 5 (Roman numeral V); all refer to the organization's designation. Ultramarine blue is the color used for aviation units.

### FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

## LINEAGE AND HONORS

### LINEAGE

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(inactive)

Constituted 1 December 1968 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Aviation Group. Activated 17 February 1969 in Vietnam. Inactivated 30 January 1972 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

## CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

### *Vietnam*

Counteroffensive, Phase VI  
Tet 69/Counteroffensive  
Summer-Fall 1969  
Winter-Spring 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase VII  
Consolidation I  
Consolidation II

## DECORATIONS

**Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)**

**Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970-1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 165th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)**

## 165TH AVIATION GROUP BIBLIOGRAPHY

No published histories.