

16th AVIATION GROUP

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 16th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A gold distinctive insignia consisting of a purple mountain with three jagged peaks in base a black area (helipad) behind the mountain two red bars, the upper one following the contour of the mountain peaks. The purple and black areas are surmounted by a gold falcon's head all within a light blue circle with the lower portion covered by a gold scroll inscribed in black letters, "Born in Battle."

Symbolism: The falcon's head symbolizes the strong combat flying capabilities of the unit. The purple mountains refer to those in the northernmost part of South Vietnam where the unit was activated. The three mountain peaks symbolize the threefold effort of the United States, South Vietnam, and the Free World military forces to win freedom and secure peace. The black area in base alludes to the flares and flashes of battle. Also, gold and red are the national colors of the Republic of Vietnam. The blue annulet stands for the continuous and courageous efforts of the group.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

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(nondivisional)

Constituted 20 December 1967 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Group, and activated in Vietnam.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

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
Consolidation I

DECORATIONS

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered QUANG TIN PROVINCE (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 43, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1968 (16th Aviation Group cited; DA GO 21, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM FEB-MAR 1971 (16th Aviation Group cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM APR-JUN 1971 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

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