

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 11th AVIATION GROUP

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA (BADGE)

Description: A silver distinctive insignia consisting of a blue oval, behind a silver eagle displayed with an orange arrow erect charged on each wing, below a silver scroll inscribed "We Make the Difference" in black letters.

Symbolism: The eagle is used to symbolize the superior flying ability of the 11th Aviation Group; the wings displayed with claws extended represent the unit's outstanding record of revolutionizing airmobile warfare. The arrows further allude to speed in flight, while one arrow on each wing gives numerical distinction to the 11th Aviation Group. Ultramarine blue and golden orange are the colors associated with aviation units.

FLAG DEVICE

None approved.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

LINEAGE

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(nondivisional)

Constituted 1 February 1963 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Air Assault Aviation Group, and assigned to the 11th Air Assault Division. Activated 5 February 1963 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1965 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group; concurrently, relieved from assignment to the 11th Air Assault Division and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division. Relieved 5 May 1971 from assignment to the 1st Cavalry Division.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

Defense
Counteroffensive
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
Consolidation I
Consolidation II
Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

— Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered PLEIKU PROVINCE (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 40, 1967)

Valorous Unit Award, Streamer embroidered FISH HOOK (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 43, 1972)

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1966 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 17, 1968)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965–1969 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 59, 1969)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 42, 1972 and DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1970–1971 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1971–1972 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 6, 1974)

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969–1970 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group, cited; DA GO 42, 1972)

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