



# UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH

684TH MEDICAL COMPANY  
COLUMBUS, OHIO



# 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

## DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

14 MAY 1921, WESTERVILLE, OHIO

## PARENT UNIT

134TH AMBULANCE COMPANY, 112TH MEDICAL REGIMENT

## CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

### WORLD WAR II

NORTHERN SOLOMONS  
LUZON (WITH ARROWHEAD)

### WAR ON TERRORISM

#### *IRAQ:*

TRANSITION OF IRAQ  
IRAQI GOVERNANCE

#### *AFGHANISTAN:*

TRANSITION I

## DECORATIONS

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (ARMY),  
STREAMER EMBROIDERED BOUGAINVILLE

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (ARMY),  
STREAMER EMBROIDERED PACIFIC THEATER

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (ARMY),  
STREAMER EMBROIDERED IRAQ 2004

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (ARMY),  
STREAMER EMBROIDERED AFGHANISTAN 2011-2012

PHILIPPINE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION,  
STREAMER EMBROIDERED 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945





# 684<sup>TH</sup> MEDICAL COMPANY

The 684th Medical Company was organized in the Ohio National Guard on May 14, 1921 in Westerville, Ohio as the 134th Ambulance Company, 112th Medical Regiment. The company was first stationed in the Westerville Town Hall and later in a former residence on East College Avenue until the state armory was built in 1938.

The unit was equipped with horse-drawn ambulances when it was organized. Between 1934 and 1938, trucks were issued to the unit and horse-drawn equipment was phased out. In 1937, a reorganization took place and changed all of the separate medical units in the 37th Division to lettered companies. Concurrently, the 134th Ambulance Company became Company D, 112th Medical Regiment.

On October 15, 1940, the company was inducted into federal service and sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. for training. In February 1942, the 37th Division reorganized and Company D was redesignated as Company C, 112th Medical Battalion. Company C was one of three collecting companies in the battalion and served as the forward echelon of the division medical service. They were the connecting links in the chain of evacuation between infantry aid stations and division clearing stations.

The company served in this role during fighting on New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon in the South Pacific. During the war, it was twice awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for support of the 37th Infantry Division on Bougainville and Luzon. The company was inactivated in December 1945.

The company was reorganized in Westerville on October 9, 1947 as Company D, 112th Medical Battalion. Shortly after, in 1949, the company was redesignated as Clearing Company, 112th Medical Battalion. The unit returned to active service in January 1952 and was sent to Camp Polk, La. for training. While the unit did not go to Korea, most of its Soldiers were rotated as individual replacements.

After returning to Ohio in 1954, the company underwent a number of reorganizations in 1959 and 1963. Finally, in 1968, when the 37th Infantry Division was removed from Ohio's troop allotment, the company was reorganized as the 684th Medical Company.

The unit remained under this designation until 1995 when it became Company C, 118th Medical Battalion. Company C returned to active duty in 2003 and served in Iraq the following year where it earned its third Meritorious Unit Commendation.

The most recent reorganization occurred on Sept. 1, 2007, when the unit returned to its historic 684th Medical Company designation. For the first time in its history, the unit moved from its home in Westerville to Columbus.

The company was once again ordered into federal service in 2011 and deployed to Afghanistan where it earned a fourth Meritorious Unit Commendation.

## ***LINEAGE AND HONORS***

### **684TH MEDICAL COMPANY**

Organized and Federally recognized 14 May 1921 in the Ohio National Guard at Westerville as the 134th Ambulance Company, 112th Medical Regiment, an element of the 37th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1937 as Company D, 112th Medical Regiment

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Westerville

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1942 as Company C, 112th Medical Battalion

(37th Division redesignated 1 February 1942 as the 37th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 13 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Consolidated with the former Veterinary Company, 112th Medical Regiment (see ANNEX 1); consolidated unit reorganized and Federally recognized 9 October 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Westerville as Company D, 112th Medical Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1949 as Clearing Company, 112th Medical Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Westerville



**BOUGAINVILLE, APRIL 1944**

Sgt. Virgil Kenney of Company C, 112th Medical Battalion, inspects tomato plants that he is growing in the jungles of Bougainville.



**CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI, 1941**

Soldiers from Company D, 112th Medical Regiment pull their gear out along the company street for tent cleaning.





CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, KENTUCKY, 1958  
Clearing Company, 112th Medical Battalion



CAMP GRAYLING, MICHIGAN, 1965  
Company B, 112th Medical Battalion



CAMP GRAYLING, MICHIGAN, 1961  
Soldiers from Company A, 112th Medical Battalion load a simulated casualty into an ambulance during a training exercise.





CAMP GRAYLING, MICHIGAN, 1978  
684th Medical Company

(Clearing Company, 112th Medical Battalion [NGUS]  
organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954)

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954  
and reverted to state control; Federal recognition  
concurrently withdrawn from Clearing Company, 112th  
Medical Battalion (NGUS)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as  
Company A, 112th Medical Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as  
Company B, 112th Medical Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968  
as the 684th Medical Company and relieved from  
assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Consolidated 1 September 1995 with Detachment 1,  
684th Medical Company (see ANNEX 2); consolidated  
unit designated as Company C, 118th Medical Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 7 December 2003  
at Westerville; released from active Federal service 3  
June 2005 and reverted to state control



CAMP GRAYLING, MICHIGAN, 1985  
Spc. Tamara Guzzo of the 684th Medical Company takes aim from  
her defensive position during annual training.



Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2007 as the 684th Medical Company; location changed to Columbus

Ordered into active Federal service 11 September 2011 at Columbus; released from active Federal service 14 October 2012 and reverted to state control

#### ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally Recognized 7 May 1921 in the Ohio National Guard at Westerville as the 112th Veterinary Company, 112th Medical Regiment, an element of the 37th Division

Redesignated 1 January 1937 as Veterinary Company, 112th Medical Regiment

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Westerville

Disbanded 1 February 1942 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi

#### ANNEX 2

Constituted 19 August 1987 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Medical Troop, Support Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment



LUCASVILLE, OHIO, 1993

Maj. Richard Keiser (left), commanding officer of the 684th Medical Company, and Lt. Chuck Markulis brief their Soldiers on the situation at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility during a state active duty mission in support of civil authorities.



BAGHDAD, IRAQ, AUGUST 17, 2004

Spc. Neil Cornett, Company C, 118th Medical Battalion, performs a routine check-up on a local Iraqi boy who came to the Khashoom Hellan clinic with his family.

Organized and Federally recognized 4 August 1988  
at Cleveland as Company C, Support Squadron, 107th  
Armored Cavalry Regiment

Expanded reorganized and redesignated 1 September  
1993 as Detachment 1, 684th Medical Company and  
Detachment 1, 385th Medical Company (hereafter a  
separate lineage); location changed to North Canton

HOME STATION: Columbus

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II  
Northern Solomons  
Luzon (with arrowhead)

War on Terrorism  
*Iraq:*  
Transition of Iraq  
Iraqi Governance

*Afghanistan:*  
Transition I

#### DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer  
embroidered BOUGAINVILLE

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer  
embroidered PACIFIC THEATER

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer  
embroidered IRAQ 2004

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer  
embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2011-2012

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer  
embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945



CAMP RAVENNA, OHIO, JULY 18, 2014

Spc. Wesley Cheung, a health care specialist with the 684th Medical Company, inserts an intravenous catheter into a simulated casualty during a mass casualty exercise at annual training.



## HERALDIC ITEMS



**DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA**



**COAT OF ARMS**



**SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA**

### DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

**Description/Blazon:** On a hexagon shaped Gold colored metal and enamel device 1 3/16 inches (3.02 cm) in height overall blazoned: Azure, a quatrefoil throughout Or charged in its bottom lobe with a guze bearing three mullets, one and two, of the like, and issuant there from a hydra of as many heads of the field detailed of the second. Below a Blue scroll inscribed "THE FOG OF WAR" in Gold letters.

**Symbolism:** The overall shape of the device is a hexagon which reflects the benzene ring. The quatrefoil is also symbolic of the fog in their motto, "The Fog of War." The hydra represents the Chemical Corps. The three stars represent the three campaigns awarded to the ancestor units during World War II.

**Background:** The distinctive unit insignia was approved for the 155th Chemical Battalion on 11 December 2006.

### COAT OF ARMS

**Description/Blazon:**

**Shield:** Per chevron abased Azure and Gules, a hexagon in chief surmounted by a chevronel Or, counterchanged of the field, in base a hydra of the third.

**Crest:** That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Ohio Army National Guard: From a wreath Or and Azure, a sheaf of seventeen arrows Argent, bound by a sprig of buckeye (aesculus glabra) fructed Proper (two leaves with bursting burr).

**Motto:** THE FOG OF WAR

**Symbolism:**

**Shield:** Yellow and blue are the traditional colors for the Chemical Corps. The hexagon shape reflects the benzene ring. The chevron division symbolizes the swallowtail design on the Ohio State Flag. The hydra (a multi-headed dragon) represents the dragon theme used in Chemical Corps designs and the multiple missions of the Chemical Companies within the 155th Chemical Battalion.

**Crest:** The crest is that of the Ohio Army National Guard.

**Background:** The coat of arms was approved for the 155th Chemical Battalion on 11 December 2006.

### SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

**Description/Blazon:** On a blue triangular background, one point down, with a 1/16 inch (.16 cm) white border and a 3/16 inch (.48 cm) red border, the whole 2 1/2 inches (6.35 cm) wide and 3 inches (7.62 cm) high, a white disc 7/8 inch (2.22 cm) in diameter charged with a red disc 5/8 inch (1.59 cm) in diameter, above a white star 7/16 inch (1.11 cm) in diameter.

**Symbolism:** The design of the shoulder sleeve insignia is based on the Ohio State Flag.

**Background:** The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved for Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Ohio National Guard on 30 November 1948. It was amended to include a symbolism on 7 May 1974. The insignia was redesignated for Headquarters, State Area Command, Ohio Army National Guard on 30 December 1983. It was redesignated for the Ohio Army National Guard Element, Joint Force Headquarters and amended to update the description effective 1 October 2003.

## PAST COMPANY LEADERSHIP

### COMMANDERS

#### 134TH AMBULANCE COMPANY

1922: Capt. Ulric Z. Junkerman  
 1923-30: Capt. Otto B. Cornell  
 1931-37: Capt. Adelbert R. Callander

#### COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL REGIMENT

1937-38: Capt. Adelbert R. Callander  
 1941: Capt. Joseph J. Fink

#### COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1947-49: Maj. Dale E. Putnam

#### CLEARING COMPANY, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1949-52: Maj. Dale E. Putnam  
 1952-54: Maj. Frank W. Taylor  
 1959: Capt. John Heffelfinger

#### COMPANY A, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1959-63: Capt. William K. Cornwell

#### COMPANY B, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1963-67: Capt. William N. Freeman

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1968-70: Capt. George Sawaya  
 1970-71: Maj. Stuart Savage  
 1971-73: Capt. Stewart Stock  
 1973-75: Capt. Elliot Oaklander  
 1975-76: Maj. Andrew Regrut  
 1978: Maj. Ronald G. Conkle  
 1978-82: Maj. Dick I. Belt  
 1982-84: Capt. Corwin Belt  
 1984-87: Capt. James N. Sears  
 1987-89: Maj. Douglas Maser  
 1990-91: Maj. Frank W. DiBendetto  
 1992-93: Maj. Wanda Dillard  
 1993: Capt. Earl Smith Jr.  
 1993-94: Maj. Richard Keyser  
 1994-95: Maj. Joy Timmens  
 1995: Capt. Paul E. Esmahan

#### COMPANY C, 118TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1995-97: Capt. Paul E. Esmahan  
 1997-99: Maj. Jeffrey Adkins  
 1999-2000: Maj. John T. Gant III  
 2001-05: Maj. William S. Turton  
 2006-07: Lt. Col. Patrick S. Callender

#### 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

2007-08: Lt. Col. Patrick S. Callender  
 2008-10: Maj. Joshua P. Stauffer  
 2010-13: Capt. Brad A. Kennedy  
 2013-16: Maj. David D. Rosenberger  
 2016-19: Capt. Elena A. Gonzalez  
 2019-Present: Maj. David I. Kirker



Capt. Callander



Capt. Fink



Maj. Putnam



Maj. Taylor



Capt. Cornwell



Maj. Savage



Maj. Regrut



Maj. Belt



Capt. Belt



Capt. Sears



Maj. Maser



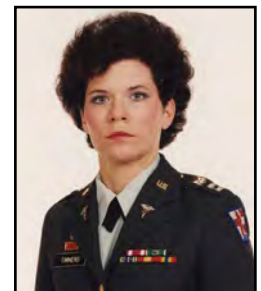
Maj. DiBendetto



Capt. Smith



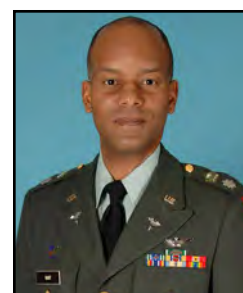
Maj. Keyser



Maj. Timmens



Maj. Adkins



Maj. Gant



Maj. Turton



## PAST COMPANY LEADERSHIP

### FIRST SERGEANTS

#### COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL REGIMENT

1938: 1st Sgt. Roy Schwarzkoff

1938-42: 1st Sgt. Ray Lust

#### CLEARING COMPANY, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1952: 1st Sgt. Walter Shelly

1952-54: 1st Sgt. Kenneth Ullom

1954: 1st Sgt. Charles Young

1st Sgt. Dwight Kreischner

1st Sgt. Glenard Goodyear

1959: 1st Sgt. Leno Bernardo

#### COMPANY A, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1959-63: 1st Sgt. George Cline

#### COMPANY B, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1963-68: 1st Sgt. George Cline

#### 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

1968: 1st Sgt. Matt Robson

1968-69: 1st Sgt. Daniel Smith

1969-71: 1st Sgt. Richard Talbott

1971-75: 1st Sgt. Walter Myles

1976-81: 1st Sgt. Rodney Newell

1982-85: 1st Sgt. James Marshall

1986-92: 1st Sgt. Carl Fortney

1992-94: 1st Sgt. Charles Dodge

1994-95: 1st Sgt. Joseph M. Vince

#### COMPANY C, 118TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1995-04: 1st Sgt. Joseph M. Vince

2004-05: 1st Sgt. Lloyd R. Creeger

2005: 1st Sgt. Joseph M. Vince

2005-07: 1st Sgt. Lloyd R. Creeger

#### 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

2007-08: 1st Sgt. Lloyd R. Creeger

2009-11: 1st Sgt. Robert Cahill

2011-12: 1st Sgt. Kevin Runyon

2013-19: 1st Sgt. Andrew Brace

2019-Present: 1st Sgt. Jason R. Moore



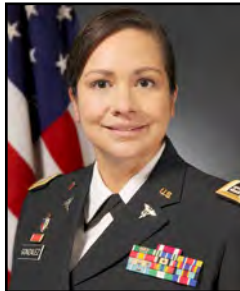
Lt. Col. Callender



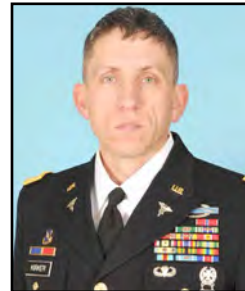
Maj. Stauffer



Capt. Kennedy



Capt. Gonzalez



Maj. Kirker



1st Sgt. Ullom



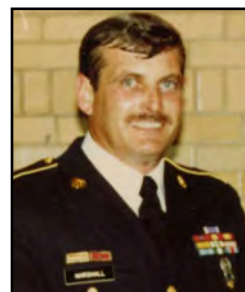
1st Sgt. Young



1st Sgt. Cline



1st Sgt. Newell



1st Sgt. Marshall



1st Sgt. Fortney



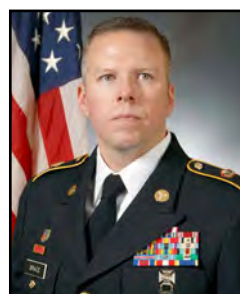
1st Sgt. Creeger



1st Sgt. Cahill



1st Sgt. Runyon



1st Sgt. Brace



1st Sgt. Moore



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