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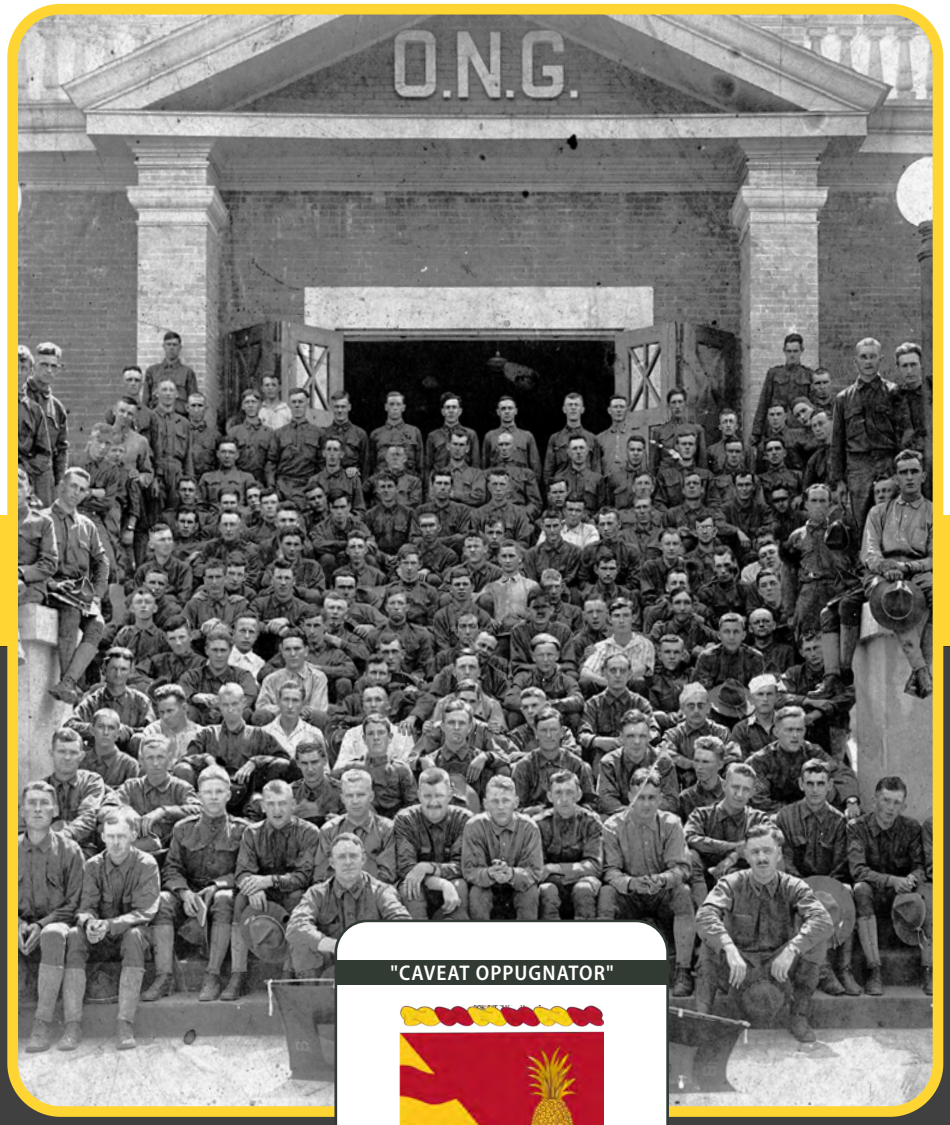


"CAVEAT OPPUGNATOR"

BATTERY C, 2D BATTALION, 174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY REGIMENT

MCCONNELSVILLE, OHIO

BATTERY C, 2D BATTALION, 174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY REGIMENT

Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment was organized on April 19, 1900, in Mareitta, Ohio as Company B, 7th Separate Infantry Battalion. On June 20, 1901, the battalion had organized the requisite number of companies to be redesignated as an infantry regiment. The company was called into federal service on July 15, 1917, for World War I and was sent to Camp Sheridan, Ala. for training. While there, on Oct. 25, 1917, the 7th Infantry was broken up and Company B was converted to Company F, 112th Ammunition Train and assigned to the 37th Division. The unit arrived in France in the summer of 1918 and supported the 62d Field Artillery Brigade, 37th Division, during the final four months of the war. The company returned to Ohio in 1919 and was demobilized at Camp Sherman that April.

The unit was reorganized in Marietta on August 4, 1920, as Company A, 4th Infantry. On July 1, 1921, the 4th Infantry was redesignated as the 166th Infantry and assigned to the 37th Division. The company returned to active duty on Oct. 15, 1940, and was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. for training. On Feb. 1, 1942, the 37th Division was reorganized and the 166th Infantry was relieved from assignment to the Buckeye Division. Company A was later sent to Fort Sill, Okla. as a training unit and was inactivated there on Feb. 1, 1944.

Following World War II, Company F, 166th Infantry was federally recognized in Marietta on Aug. 7, 1947. On Sept. 1, 1959, the unit was converted to an air defense battery as Battery D, 2d Automatic Weapons Battalion, 174th Artillery. The unit has remained in this branch ever since. On Sept. 1, 1990, the battery was consolidated with Detachment 1, Battery D, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery located at Caldwell, and redesignated as Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery. The Caldwell unit was organized on Nov. 28, 1955, as Ambulance Company, 112th Medical Battalion, 37th Infantry Division and converted in 1959 as air defense artillery.

During this time the battalion began to convert from the M42 Duster platform to the HAWK Missile System. On Oct. 1, 1992, the battery was moved to McConnelsville, Ohio in preparation for a new multiunit armory and training complex.

Since 9/11, the battery has mobilized multiple times in support of the War on Terrorism. The battery was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for its 2017-2018 mobilization to Southwest Asia.

HERALDIC ITEMS

DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A Gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall consisting of a shield blazoned: Per bend Gules and barry wavy of eight Or and of the first, in chief a pineapple of the second. Attached below and to the sides of the shield a Black scroll inscribed CAVEAT OPPUGNATOR in Gold letters.

Symbolism: Red and yellow are the colors used for Artillery. The pineapple is used to show service in Hawaii. The barry wavy symbolizes the Pacific Ocean and also represents service in the Western Pacific during World War II. The motto translates to Let The Oppressor (Hostile One) Beware.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 180th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion on 21 May 1952. It was redesignated for the 174th Artillery Regiment on 6 January 1961. It was amended to correct the spelling of the motto on 16 June 1969. The insignia was redesignated for the 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment on 9 February 1973.

COAT OF ARMS

Description/Blazon:
Shield: Per bend Gules and barry wavy of eight Or and of the first, in chief a pineapple of the second.
Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Ohio Army National Guard: On a wreath of the colors Or and Gules, a sheaf of 17 arrows Argent bound by a sprig of buckeye (Aesculus glabra) fructed Proper (two leaves with bursting burr).
Motto: CAVEAT OPPUGNATOR (Let the Oppressor (Hostile One) Beware).

Symbolism: Red and yellow are the colors used for Artillery. The pineapple is used to show service in Hawaii. The barry wavy symbolizes the Pacific Ocean and also represents service in the Western Pacific during World War II. The crest is that of the Ohio Army National Guard.

Background: The coat of arms was originally approved for the 180th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion on 21 May 1952. It was redesignated for the 174th Artillery Regiment on 6 January 1961. It was amended to correct the spelling of the motto on 16 June 1969. The insignia was redesignated for the 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment on 9 February 1973.

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A rectangle arched at the top and bottom with a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) yellow border, 2 inches (5.08 cm) in width and 3 inches (7.62 cm) in height overall divided per pale ultramarine blue and scarlet, between two yellow lightning bolts radiating pilewise in base a stylized missile of the like; in chief a chevron of nine white stars and on either side of the missile head are four white stars in the configuration of a square diamond.

Symbolism: Scarlet and yellow are the colors associated with Air Defense Artillery. The Nike Hercules missile was the weapon last employed in the ground based air defense of the United States Homeland and represents the Brigade's resumption of this mission. The 17 stars represent Ohio as the 17th state to enter the Union and is home to the unit. The diverging lightning bolts allude to radar acquisition and speed of response. Red is the color of valor and yellow/gold is emblematic of excellence. The blue is symbolic of the clear skies that the Brigade maintains.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved effective 1 September 2008.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized 19 April 1900 in the Ohio National Guard at Marietta as Company B, 7th Separate Infantry Battalion

Redesignated 20 June 1901 as Company B, 7th Infantry Regiment

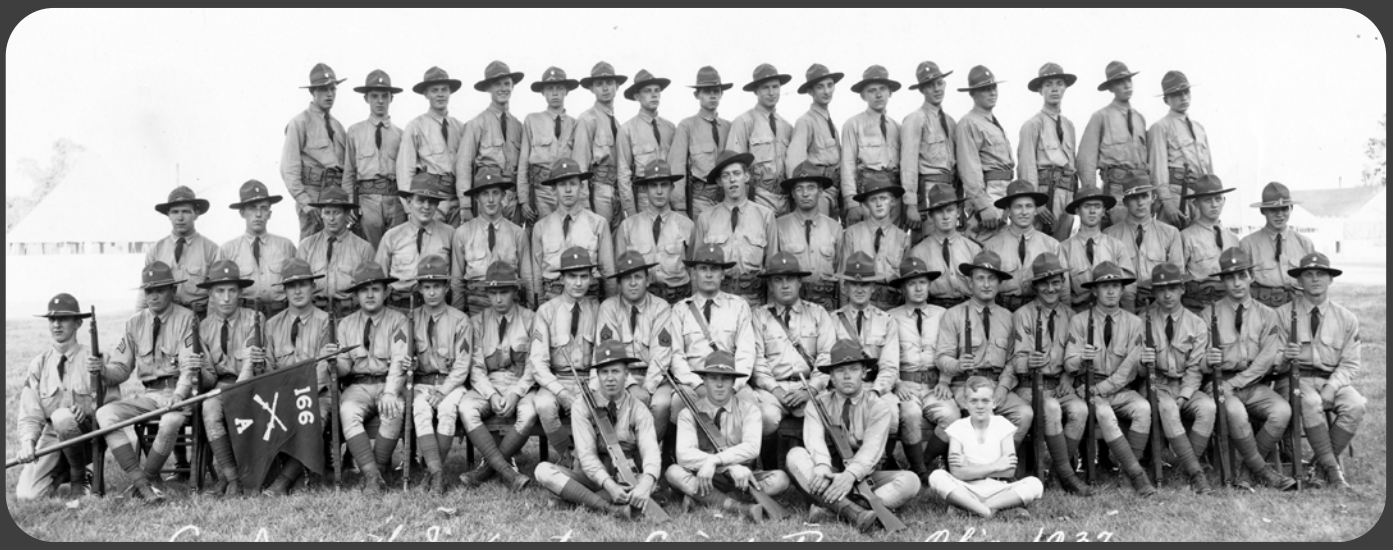
Redesignated 16 December 1914 as Company B, Unattached Infantry

Redesignated 18 June 1915 as Company B, 7th Infantry Regiment

Called into Federal service 15 July 1917; Drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 25 October 1917 as Company F, 112th Ammunition Train, an element of the 37th Division

Demobilized in April 1919 at Camp Sherman, Ohio



Company A, 166th Infantry, 37th Division, Camp Perry, Ohio, 1937.

Reorganized and Federally recognized 4 August 1920 in the Ohio National Guard at Marietta as Company A, 4th Infantry Regiment

Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1921 as Company A, 166th Infantry, an element of the 37th Division

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Marietta

Relieved 1 February 1942 from assignment to the 37th Division (37th Division concurrently redesignated as the 37th Infantry Division)

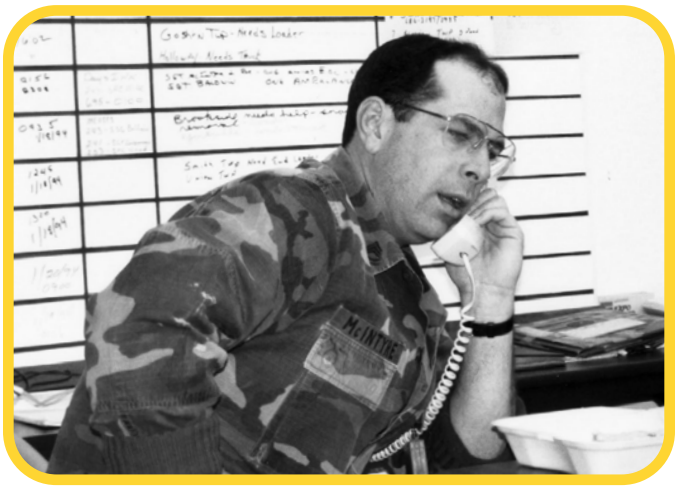
Inactivated 1 February 1944 at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma

Reorganized and Federally recognized 7 August 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Marietta as Company F, 166th Infantry

Converted and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Battery D, 2d Automatic Weapons Battalion, 174th Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as Battery D, 2d Battalion, 174th Artillery

Redesignated 1 November 1972 as Battery D, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery



Sgt. 1st Class Donald McIntyre, a member of Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery, assists Belmont County snow emergency operations by coordinating Ohio National Guard personnel and equipment to priority areas during a January 1994 state active duty mobilization.

Members of Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss, Tex., circa 1995.

Consolidated 1 September 1990 with Detachment 1, Battery D, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery (see ANNEX); consolidated unit designated as Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery; location changed to Caldwell

Location changed 1 October 1992 to McConnelsville

Ordered into active Federal service 15 March 2003 at McConnelsville; released from active Federal service 21 May 2003 and reverted to state control

Redesignated 1 October 2005 as Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment

Ordered into active Federals service 15 September 2011 at McConnelsville; released from active Federal service 18 October 2012 and reverted to state control

Ordered into active Federal service 31 March 2017 at McConnelsville; released from active Federal service 30 March 2018 and reverted to state control

ANNEX

Organized and Federally recognized 28 November 1955 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Caldwell as Ambulance Company, 112th Medical Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Battery C, 2d Automatic Weapons Battalion, 174th Artillery and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Capt. Charles J. Coyle, commander of Ambulance Company, 112th Medical Battalion, receives an award on behalf of the company at the unit's first armory in Caldwell, Ohio, circa 1957.

From left, Spc. Charles Enochs, Spc. James L. Deuley, Sgt. Donald L. Stukins, Pfc. Floyd W. Montgomery and 1st Lt. Jack C. Campbell, all members of Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Artillery, go over plans during annual training at the Marblehead Training Area near Camp Perry, Ohio in 1964.

Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Artillery, Camp Perry, Ohio, 1966.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as 2d Automatic Weapons Platoon, Battery D, 2d Battalion, 174th Artillery

Redesignated 1 February 1972 as Detachment 1, Battery D, 2d Battalion, 174th Artillery

Redesignated 1 November 1972 as Detachment 1, Battery D, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery

HOME STATION: McConnelsville

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I
Lorraine 1918

War on Terrorism
Afghanistan:
Transition II
(additional campaigns to be determined

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST ASIA 2017-2018

PAST COMMANDERS

COMPANY B, 7TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
1900-1903: Capt. Judson H. Hovey
1903-1907: Capt. Harry D. Knox
1907-1908: Capt. Charles S. Benedict
1908-1917: Capt. Harry S. Dyar

COMPANY A, 166TH INFANTRY
1921-1924: Capt. Kenneth F. Ermlich
1925-1927: Capt. Ray C. Hickman
1928-1940: Capt. Norman O. Whiting
1940-1941: Capt. Glenn M. Smith

COMPANY F, 166TH INFANTRY
1947-1954: Capt. Edward R. Neill
1954-1958: Capt. John H. Leonhart
1958-1959: 1st Lt. William D. Lacey

BATTERY D, 2D BATTALION, 174TH ARTILLERY
1959-1962: 1st Lt. William D. Lacey
1962-1963: Capt. Joseph R. Flesher
1963-1966: Capt. Bernard G. Douthitt
1966-1968: Capt. Ronald L. Nutter
1968-1971: Capt. Dennis F. Gerst
1971-1972: Capt. John F. Biddle

BATTERY D, 2D BATTALION,
174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY
1972-1977: Capt. Donald E. Flautt
1977-1979: Capt. Gregory T. Sulzer
1979-1983: Capt. William R. Radford
1983-1985: Capt. Cleveland P. Minnick
1985-1987: Capt. Robert G. Miller
1987-1989: Capt. Rufus J. Smith

BATTERY C, 2D BATTALION,
174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY REGIMENT
1990-1991: Capt. Larry W. Ranney
1991-1993: Capt. Ronald R. Carroll
1993-1996: Capt. Ronald F. Davis
1996-1997: 1st Lt. Ronald L. Spencer
1997-2000: Capt. Paul Holdsworth
2000-2001: Capt. Harold R. Tevis
2001-2002: Capt. Gregory Spies
2002-2004: Capt. Michael B. Nelson
2004-2006: Capt. Daniel J. Reese
2008: Capt. Daniel J. Reese
2008-2010: Capt. Katie R. Enochs
2010-2013: Capt. Kristina D. Gaskins
2013-2015: Capt. Michael N. Boyes
2015-2018: Capt. David R. Muehling

Capt. Hovey

Capt. Whiting

Capt. G. Smith

Capt. Leonhart

Capt. Radford

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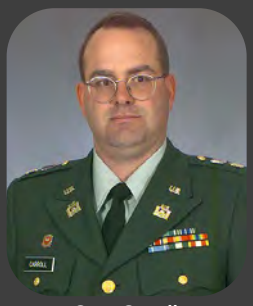
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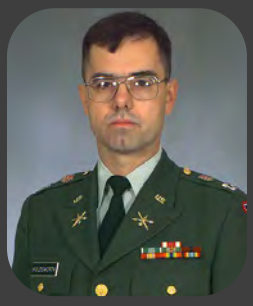
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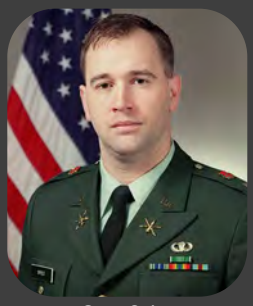
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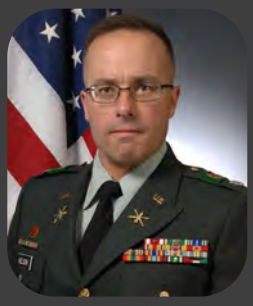
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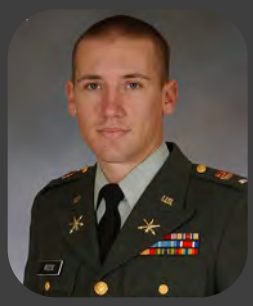

Capt. Reese

Capt. Enochs

Capt. Boyes

Capt. Muehling

PAST COMMANDERS

BATTERY C, 2D BATTALION,
174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY REGIMENT
2018-2021: Capt. Adam M. McCarty
2021-2023: Capt. Jason P. McNamara
2023-2025: Capt. Demario Palladino
2025-: Capt. David J. Sinclair

ANNEX 1

AMBULANCE COMPANY,
112TH MEDICAL BATTALION
1955-1959: Capt. Charles J. Coyle

BATTERY C, 2D BATTALION, 174TH ARTILLERY
1959-1962: Capt. Howard S. Beall
1962-1963: Capt. Bernard G. Douthitt
1963-1968: Capt. Dennis F. Gerst

Capt. McCarty

Capt. McNamara

Capt. Palladino

PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

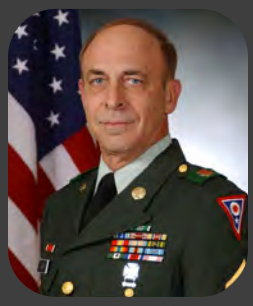
COMPANY B, 7TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
1900-1903: 1st Sgt. Charles S. Benedict
1903: 1st Sgt. Harry S. Dyar
1905-1907: 1st Sgt. Novalis E. Herzer
1907-1908: 1st Sgt. Walter A. Renner
1908-1911: 1st Sgt. Willard O. Lindamood

COMPANY A, 166TH INFANTRY
1938: 1st Sgt. Harold A. Dye

BATTERY D, 2D BATTALION, 174TH ARTILLERY
1963-1971: 1st Sgt. Roy D. McIntire

BATTERY D, 2D BATTALION,
174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY
1973-1974: 1st Sgt. Roy D. McIntire
1977: 1st Sgt. Frank H. Stevens
1984: 1st Sgt. Fred W. Weber II
1987-1989: 1st Sgt. Peter V. Derocchis

BATTERY C, 2D BATTALION,
174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY REGIMENT
1990-1996: 1st Sgt. Stanley C. Cich
1996-2000: 1st Sgt. Jack J. Sloter
2000-2002: 1st Sgt. Randall L. Kintz
2002-2003: 1st Sgt. Daniel L. Bush
2003-2004: 1st Sgt. Randall L. Kintz
2004-2006: 1st Sgt. Bryan D. Hardesty
2008-2009: 1st Sgt. Robert M. Keiser II
2009-2011: 1st Sgt. Curtis D. Meredith
2013-2016: 1st Sgt. Shelley M. Kolb
2019-2022: 1st Sgt. Joshua K. Love
2022-: 1st Sgt. Wesley C. Harden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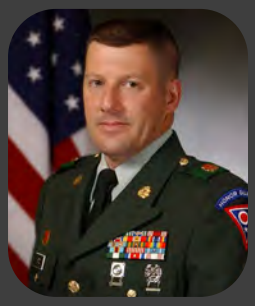
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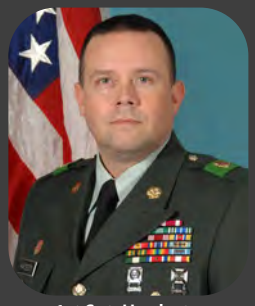
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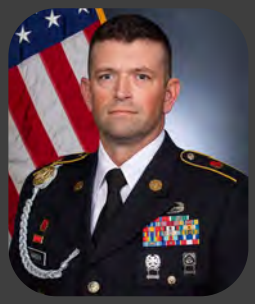
1st Sgt. Harden

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