

UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

NEWARK, OHIO

211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

The 211th Maintenance Company was organized in the Ohio National Guard on May 23, 1921 in Dresden, Ohio as Battery F, 135th Field Artillery. In July, the battery was transferred to the 134th Field Artillery and in 1926 the unit's station was changed from Dresden to Coshocton, Ohio.

In 1940, the battery was inducted into federal service and sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. for training as an element of the 37th Division. When the 37th was reorganized on Feb. 1, 1942, the unit was reorganized as Battery C, 140th Field Artillery Battalion and by June was in the Pacific Theater. Equipped with 105mm howitzers, the battalion served as the direct support battalion for the 148th Infantry for the duration of World War II.

The battery served on Fiji and Guadalcanal before participating in campaigns on New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon. It returned to Ohio in December 1945 with credit for participation in the Northern Solomons and Luzon campaign as well as the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

The unit reorganized in Coshocton in October 1947 as the 37th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. A year later they were reorganized as the 37th Reconnaissance Company and returned to federal service in 1952 for the Korean War. The company served with the 37th Infantry Division at Camp Polk, La., and returned to Ohio in 1954.

A series of statewide reorganizations converted the unit in 1959 to Company A, 537th Transportation Battalion and in 1963 to Company B, 137th Supply and Transportation Battalion. In 1968, it was consolidated with New Philadelphia's Company A, 2d Battalion, 137th Armor and reorganized as a detachment of the 737th Maintenance Battalion.

On February 1, 1972 the detachment was reorganized as the 214th Maintenance Company and served under this designation for 20 years. In 1993 the 214th Maintenance Company was removed from the force structure and the unit became a detachment of the 211th Maintenance Company, with headquarters in Newark.

On March 1, 1998 the detachment was consolidated with the rest of the 211th at Newark. The 211th had been organized there in November 1946 as the 737th Ordnance Company.

The 211th was ordered into federal service on October 30, 2004 for the War on Terrorism. The company served in Iraq at Logistical Support Area Anaconda from December 2004 until October 2005. During this period, the company was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

The company returned to Ohio in 2006 and was consolidated in 2007 with a detachment of the unit that had been organized in Mount Vernon in 2000.

HERALDIC ITEMS



DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A Gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/32 inches (2.62 cm) in width consisting of a pentagon, one point up, Gules, the crest for the National Guard of the State of Ohio Proper.

Symbolism: Ohio, known as the Buckeye State, was the seventeenth State admitted to the Union and the sheaf of seventeen arrows appears on the Great Seal of the State. As the predominant original white settlement within the State was of English origin, the twists of the wreath are white and red.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 62d Field Artillery Brigade, Ohio National Guard on 16 May 1929. It was redesignated for the 371st Artillery Group, Ohio Army National Guard on 21 November 1967. It was redesignated for the 371st Support Group, Ohio Army National Guard on 15 March 1972. The insignia was redesignated effective 1 September 2007, for the 371st Sustainment Brigade with description updated and symbolism added.



SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: On a buff vertical octagonal-shaped embroidered device, arcing outwardly at top and bottom, a blue wavy horizontal band bearing three buff stars, between in base an arrowhead and in chief a polestar, all red; all within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) red border. Overall dimensions are 2 inches (5.08 cm) in width and 3 inches (7.62 cm) in length.

Symbolism: Buff and red are the colors traditionally used by the Sustainment units. The wavy band suggests water, alluding to a "large creek," the meaning of the name Ohio and the location of the Brigade. The three stars represent the unit's campaign credits in World War I, World War II, and the Global War on Terrorism. The arrowhead signifies the Brigade's service in the fight for Luzon during World War II and the motto "Logistic Warriors." The polestar denotes the unit's leadership to guide service members and deployment capabilities worldwide.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved for the 371st Sustainment Brigade effective 1 September 2007.



LINEAGE AND HONORS

Organized and Federally recognized 23 May 1921 in the Ohio National Guard at Dresden as Battery F, 135th Field Artillery

Redesignated 1 July 1921 as Battery F, 134th Field Artillery, an element of the 37th Division

Location changed 15 July 1926 to Coshocton

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Coshocton

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1942 as Battery C, 140th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Inactivated 18 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California

Reorganized and Federally recognized 27 October 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Coshocton as the 37th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop

Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1948 as the 37th Reconnaissance Company



Soldiers from Battery F, 134th Field Artillery Battalion (from left, kneeling), Tom Kiefer, unidentified Soldier, Cpl. Ed Bile, Harold Gertler, Joe Abood, and unidentified Soldier, with their 75mm field piece at the Coshocton Armory, October 1940.



Capt. John W. Dawson (left), commanding officer of the 37th Reconnaissance Company, receives the unit guidon after the company returned from active service during a ceremony at Camp Perry, Ohio, July 23, 1954.



Company A, 537th Transportation Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1963.



Company B, 137th Supply and Transportation Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.



Sgt. Walter Jones of the 214th Maintenance Company sews a canvas bag at the canvas repair tent during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich., circa 1985.

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Coshocton

(37th Reconnaissance Company [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 37th Reconnaissance Company (NGUS)

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Company A, 537th Transportation Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company B, 137th Supply and Transportation Battalion

Consolidated 15 February 1968 with Company A, 2d Battalion, 137th Armor (see ANNEX 1); consolidated unit designated as Supply and Direct Support Platoons, Headquarters and Company A, 737th Maintenance Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1972 as the 214th Maintenance Company

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1993 as Detachment 1, 211th Maintenance Company

Consolidated 1 March 1998 with the 211th Maintenance Company (see ANNEX 2) and Detachment 1, 213th Maintenance Company (see ANNEX 3); consolidated unit designated as the 211th Maintenance Company; location changed to Newark



211th Maintenance Company, Iraq, 2005.

Ordered into active Federal service 30 October 2004 at Newark; released from active Federal service 27 April 2006 and reverted to state control

Consolidated 1 September 2007 with Detachment 1, 211th Maintenance Company (see ANNEX 4); consolidated unit designated as the 211th Maintenance Company

ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally recognized 22 January 1953 in the Ohio Army National Guard at New Philadelphia as Battery A, 182d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Battery A, 3d Automatic Weapons Battalion, 137th Artillery

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company A, 2d Battalion, 137th Armor, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

ANNEX 2

Organized and Federally recognized 19 November 1946 in the Ohio National Guard at Newark as the 737th Ordnance Company, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Newark



211th Maintenance Company, Camp Dodge, Iowa, Oct. 2000.



Company D, 237th Support Battalion, 73d Infantry Brigade, Camp Grayling, Mich., circa 1985.

Reorganized and redesignated 20 May 1953 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 737th Ordnance Battalion

(Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 737th Ordnance 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 Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 737th Ordnance Battalion (NGUS)

Consolidated 1 September 1959 with Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion (see ANNEX 5); consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Company A, 737th Maintenance Battalion

Relieved 15 February 1968 from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1972 as the 211th Maintenance Company

ANNEX 3

Organized and Federally recognized 15 July 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Mt. Vernon as Company D, 166th Infantry

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 537th Transportation Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 137th Supply and Transportation Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as Company F, 738th Maintenance Battalion, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1968 as Company B, 738th Maintenance Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1977 as Company D, 237th Support Battalion, an element of the 73d Infantry Brigade

Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1988 as Company B, 237th Support Battalion

(73d Infantry Brigade redesignated 6 September 1992 as the 37th Infantry Brigade)

Consolidated 1 September 1993 with Detachment 1, 214th Maintenance Company (organized and Federally recognized 1 June 1974 at Newark); consolidated unit designated as Detachment 1, 213th Maintenance Company; location changed to Newark

ANNEX 4

Constituted 1 April 2000 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Detachment 1, 211th Maintenance Company

Organized and Federally recognized 8 September 2000 at Mt. Vernon

Ordered into active Federal service 30 October 2004 at Mt. Vernon; released from active Federal service 27 April 2006 and reverted to state control

ANNEX 5

Constituted 10 April 1953 as Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion and allotted to the Ohio National Guard

Activated 20 May 1953 at Camp Polk, Louisiana and assigned to the 37th Infantry Division

(Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 15 January 1954 at Newark)

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Company B, 737th Ordnance Battalion (NGUS)

HOME STATION: Newark

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Northern Solomons
Luzon (with arrowhead)

War on Terrorism

Iraq:
Iraqi Governance

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2004-2005

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



Spc. Cody Smith, a radio and communications security specialist with the 211th Maintenance Company clears a .50-caliber machine gun to prepare for his turn on a gunnery qualifying range June 24, 2018, at Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center in Grayling, Mich.

PAST COMMANDERS

BATTERY F, 134TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1921: Capt. Charles H. Parrett
1922-1923: Capt. Herald H. Schweppe
1923-1926: Capt. Robert J. Frazier
1926-1927: Capt. Rolla W. Cochran
1928-1940: Capt. Thomas A. Carton
1940: Capt. Howard D. Jordan
1941: Capt. Oliver D. Williams



Capt. Carton



Capt. Jordan



Capt. Williams

BATTERY C,

140TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

1943-1944: Capt. Harold O. Linscott
1944-1945: Capt. John E. Van Sant
1945: Capt. Louis L. Haas
1945: Capt. Henry B. Beck
1945: Capt. Stephan A. Bielecki
1945: Capt. Henry B. Beck



Capt. Callentine



Capt. Dawson



Capt. Walker

37TH RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

1947-1949: Capt. Chalmer G. Callentine
1951-1954: Capt. John W. Dawson
1957: Capt. Theodore C. Walker
1957-1959: Capt. Daniel W. Powell

COMPANY A,

537TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

1959: 1st Lt. Eugene D. Hosfelt
1959-1961: Capt. John W. Dawson
1961: Capt. Robert R. Reasoner
1961-1963: Capt. Homer S. Bailey



1st Lt. Zimmerman



Capt. Schaub



Capt. Rooker

COMPANY B, 137TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

1963-1964: Capt. Acel V. Weaver
1964: 1st Lt. Robert B. Zimmerman
1964-1966: Capt. Cornelius C. Schaub II
1966-1968: Capt. James W. Bushee



Capt. McHenry



Capt. Mihelarakis



Maj. Kinney

214TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1972-1973: Capt. James D. Glazier
1973-1974: Capt. Robert L. Wilson
1974-1976: Capt. James D. Rooker
1976-1977: Capt. James E. Tupa
1977-1979: Capt. John M. Jones
1979-1981: Capt. Arthur D. Chaney
1981-1983: Capt. Joseph F. Campbell Jr.
1983-1984: 1st Lt. William E. Green
1984-1987: Capt. Michael W. McHenry
1987-1989: Capt. Cynthia L. Trott
1989-1991: Capt. Daniel G. Mihelarakis
1991-1992: Maj. George D. Kinney
1992-1993: Maj. Gerald D. Shields



Capt. Seitz

211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1998-1999: Capt. David E. Seitz
1999-2001: Capt. Sean P. Paul

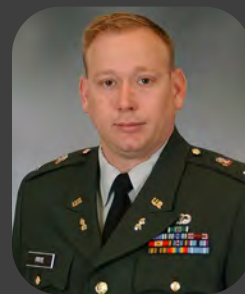
PAST COMMANDERS

211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

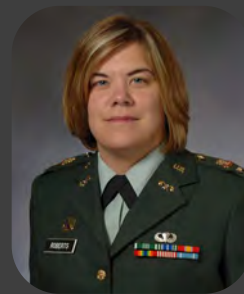
2001-2002: Capt. Mark A. Hatfield
2004-2007: Capt. John Frye
2007-2009: Capt. Carrie A. Roberts
2009-2011: Capt. Michael G. Viemeister
2011-2013: Capt. Aaron M. Willis
2013-2016: Capt. Steven Vicario
2016-2019: Capt. Shane E. Weddle
2019-2021: Capt. Kurtis J. Gilley
2021-2024: Capt. Brett D. Gross
2024-: Capt. David L. Geist



Capt. Hatfield



Capt. Frye



Capt. Roberts

ANNEX 1

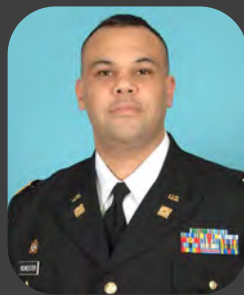
BATTERY A,

182D ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION

1954: 1st Lt. Carl D. Swinderman

BATTERY A, 3D AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BATTALION, 137TH ARTILLERY

1963: 1st Lt. Lewis T. Higgenbottom



Capt. Viemeister



Capt. Willis



Capt. Vicario

COMPANY A, 2D BATTALION, 137TH ARMOR

1963: 1st Lt. Lewis T. Higgenbottom

ANNEX 2

737TH ORDNANCE COMPANY

1951: Capt. George E. Buckwalter
1952: 1st Lt. Raymond P. Johnson
1959: Capt. William D. Davis



Capt. Gross



Capt. Geist



1st Lt. Johnson

HQ & COMPANY B,

737TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1959-1962: Capt. Donald J. Larry
1962-1963: Capt. James W. Michael



Capt. Michael



1st Lt. Battat



Maj. Tack

HQ & COMPANY A,

737TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1963: Capt. James W. Michael
1966-1968: Capt. Theodore K. Riley

211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1972: Capt. Richard J. Hoyt
1972-1975: 1st Lt. James A. Hamm
1975-1976: 1st Lt. Robert R. Battat
1976-1978: 1st Lt. Joseph F. Campbell
1978-1983: Capt. Lawrence E. Loftus
1983-1987: 1st Lt. Daniel G. Mihelarakis
1987-1990: Capt. Martin K. Fletcher
1990-1992: Maj. Pride E. Diehl
1992-1994: Maj. Clarence D. McCutcheon
1994-1996: Maj. Daniel L. Tack
1996-1998: Capt. David E. Seitz

PAST COMMANDERS

ANNEX 3

COMPANY D, 166TH INFANTRY

1947: Capt. Hugh W. Hookway

1953: Capt. Donald Wagner

1956: Capt. Granville Dean Pritchett

1959: 1st Lt. Robert R. Reasoner

HQ AND HQ COMPANY,

537TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

1959-1961: Capt. Robert R. Reasoner

1961: 1st Lt. Robert H. Gamble

1961-1963: 2d Lt. Gary E. Walker

HQ AND HQ COMPANY, 137TH SUPPLY & TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

1963: 2d Lt. Gary E. Walker

1966: Capt. Charles W. Meerilees

COMPANY B,

738TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1968-1973: Capt. Robert H. Gamble

1973-1977: Capt. Gary M. Smith

COMPANY D, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

1977: Capt. Gary M. Smith

1977-1979: Capt. George E. Clark

1979-1981: Capt. Edward H. Lang III

1981-1983: Capt. George D. Kinney

1983-1985: Capt. William L. Zieber

1985-1988: Capt. Clarence D. McCutcheon

COMPANY B, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

1988-1990: Capt. Clarence D. McCutcheon

1990-1992: Capt. William D. Stratton

1992: Capt. Michael E. Beasley

1992: Capt. Clarence D. McCutcheon

1993: Capt. Robert A. Stonerock

ANNEX 5

COMPANY B,

737TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1954: Capt. William D. Davis

1959: Capt. Donald J. Larry



Capt. Gamble



Capt. Smith



Capt. Lang



Capt. Zieber



Capt. Beasley

PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

BATTERY F, 134TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1938-1941: 1st Sgt. Milton H. Sheppard

BATTERY C,

140TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

1945: 1st Sgt. Donald E. Brown

1945: 1st Sgt. Lewis E. Miller

1945: 1st Sgt. Joseph A. Gramling

COMPANY A,

537TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

1960-1963: 1st Sgt. Richard Skelton

COMPANY B,

137TH SUPPLY & TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

1963: 1st Sgt. Richard Skelton

1964: 1st Sgt. Roger E. Miley

214TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1973-1987: 1st Sgt. Harry Bordenkircher

1989-1990: 1st Sgt. Thomas E. Willard

1992-1993: 1st Sgt. Nicholas L. Davis

211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1998-1999: 1st Sgt. Lance K. Curtis

1999-2000: 1st Sgt. Mark A. Lawrence

2000-2001: 1st Sgt. Robert B. Oberdier

2002-2005: 1st Sgt. Terry D. Mullins

2006-2010: 1st Sgt. Jeffery A. Lewis

2010-2012: 1st Sgt. Donald E. Covert

2012-2017: 1st Sgt. Timothy Clark

2017-2021: 1st Sgt. Joshua A. Brown

2021-2023: 1st Sgt. Kevin O. Roberts

2023-: 1st Sgt. Nicholas S. Leimbach

ANNEX 1

BATTERY A, 3D AUTOMATIC WEAPONS

BATTALION, 137TH ARTILLERY

1963: 1st Sgt. Anthony Manghese

COMPANY A, 2D BATTALION, 137TH ARMOR

1963: 1st Sgt. Anthony Manghese

ANNEX 2

HQ & COMPANY A,

737TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1964: 1st Sgt. Robert T. Wade

1964: 1st Sgt. Henry Derexson Jr.

211TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

1972-1978: 1st Sgt. Rodney E. Hagans

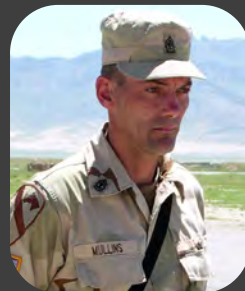
1978-1982: 1st Sgt. Curtis W. Dyer

1997: 1st Sgt. Robert N. Beck

1997-1998: 1st Sgt. Lance K. Curtis



1st Sgt. Oberdier



1st Sgt. Mullins



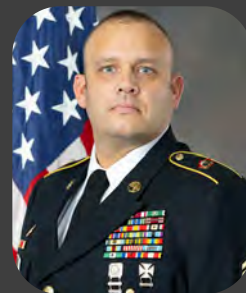
1st Sgt. Covert



1st Sgt. Clark



1st Sgt. Roberts



1st Sgt. Leimbach

ANNEX 3

COMPANY D, 166TH INFANTRY

1948: 1st Sgt. Paul J. Mumper

1953: 1st Sgt. Ronald Reasoner

1956: 1st Sgt. David Appleton

HQ AND HQ COMPANY, 137TH SUPPLY & TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

1963-1964: 1st Sgt. Charles D. Appleton

COMPANY B,

738TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1968-1973: 1st Sgt. Jack A. Johnson

1975: 1st Sgt. James J. Gray

COMPANY B, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

1990-1993: 1st Sgt. Jerry T. Robinson



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