



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

# Lineage and Honors

### 19th SPECIAL FORCES GROUP, 1st SPECIAL FORCES

Constituted 5 July 1942 in the Army of the United States as 1st Company, 1st Battalion, Third Regiment, 1st Special Service Force, a joint Canadian-American organization

Activated 9 July 1942 at Fort William Henry Harrison, Montana

Disbanded 6 January 1945 in France

Reconstituted 15 April 1960 in the Regular Army; concurrently, consolidated with Company A, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion (see ANNEX) and consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces

Withdrawn from the Regular Army 1 May 1961 and allotted to the Army National Guard

Elements organized from existing Federally recognized units in West Virginia, Maryland, Montana, Rhode Island, New York, Colorado, and Utah as follows:

Headquarters Company (Salt Lake City, Utah) assigned 1 May 1961 (concurrently redesignated from 138th Special Forces Operational Detachment; initially organized and Federally recognized 17 July 1939 as Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 115th Engineer Regiment)

Company A (Camp Williams, Utah) assigned 3 January 1966 (concurrently redesignated from Company B, 19th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces; initially organized, and Federally recognized 17 August 1955 as 118th Engineer Company)

Company B (Towson, Maryland) assigned 9 February 1966 (concurrently redesignated from Company B, 16th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces; initially organized and Federally recognized 1 October 1956 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 684th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion)

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Company C (Missoula, Montana) assigned 1 May 1963 (concurrently redesignated from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion; initially organized and Federally recognized 12 November 1947 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 443d Armored Field Artillery Battalion)

Company D (Providence, Rhode Island) assigned 1 February 1966 (concurrently redesignated from Company D, 16th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces; originally chartered in December 1774 as North-Providence Rangers in the towns of North-Providence and Smithfield, Rhode Island)

Company E (White Plains, New York) assigned 1 February 1966 (concurrently redesignated from Company E, 16th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces; initially organized and Federally recognized 16 July 1956 as Company B, 106th Infantry)

Company F (Charleston, West Virginia) assigned 10 February 1966 (concurrently redesignated from Headquarters Company, 16th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces; initially organized and Federally recognized 1 March 1948 as 170th Special Forces Operation Detachment)

Company G (Layton, Utah) assigned 3 January 1966 (concurrently redesignated from Company A, 19th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces; initially organized and Federally recognized 1 March 1948 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 222d Field Artillery)

Company H (Aurora, Colorado) assigned 31 January 1968 (new)

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ANNEX

Constituted 21 July 1943 in the Army of the United States as Company A, 5th Ranger Battalion

Redesignated 1 August 1943 as Company A, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion

Activated 1 September 1943 at Camp Forrest, Tennessee

Inactivated 22 October 1945 at Boston, Massachusetts

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HOME AREA: Utah, West Virginia, Maryland, Montana  
Rhode Island, New York, and Colorado

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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead)  
Tunisia  
Sicily (with arrowhead)  
\*Naples-Foggia (with arrowhead)  
\*Anzio (with arrowhead)  
\*Rome-Arno  
\*Normandy (with arrowhead)  
\*Northern France  
\*Southern France (with arrowhead)  
\*Rhineland  
\*Ardennes-Alsace  
\*Central Europe

Asiatic-Pacific Theater

\*Aleutian Islands  
New Guinea  
Leyte (with arrowhead)  
Luzon

Headquarters Company (Salt Lake City, Utah) additionally entitled to:

World War II-AP

Bismarck Archipelago  
Southern Philippines

Company D (Providence, Rhode Island) additionally entitled to:

Revolutionary War

Rhode Island 1778

Civil War

Bull Run  
Peninsula  
Antietam  
Fredericksburg  
Chancellorsville  
Gettysburg  
Virginia 1863  
Wilderness  
Spotsylvania  
Cold Harbor  
District of Columbia 1864  
Petersburg  
Shenandoah  
Appomattox

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DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered EL GUETTAR

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered SALERNO

\*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered POINTE DU HOE

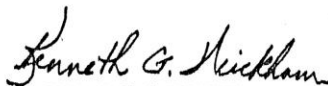
\*Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered SAAR RIVER AREA

\*French Croix de Guerre with Silver-Gilt Star, World War II, Streamer embroidered POINTE DU HOE

Headquarters Company (Salt Lake City, Utah) additionally entitled to:

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

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:



KENNETH G WICKHAM  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

21 OCT 1968