

## KAINE HALL UNIT CREST OR INSIGNIA DESCRIPTIONS

### 77<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

On a blue truncated “pyramid”, the Statue of Liberty, without its masonry base, in New York Harbor, in yellow. The design alludes to the City of New York, from the area of which the Division was raised: originally in 1917, and again in 1942. This “Statue of Liberty Patch” was approved for the Division in 1918; it subsequently was authorized for the 77<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Command in 1968, for the 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command effective in 1996, for the 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command effective in 2003, and for the 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade effective in 2008.

### 77<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY INSIGNIA

A gold color metal and enamel device, consisting of a representation of a windmill of New Amsterdam. The two sets of seven panels of each vane are of white enamel. Red, white and blue are the respective colors of the three sides of the tower. The Dutch windmill represents the original allocation of the 77<sup>th</sup> Division to New York City, formerly New Amsterdam. The vanes of the windmill appeared on the seal of New Amsterdam and are now on the arms of New York City. The distinctive unit insignia was approved for the Division in 1938; it subsequently was authorized for the 77<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Command in 1970, for the 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command effective in 1996, for the 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command effective in 2003, and for the 77<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade effective in 2008.

### 305<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT CREST

An oak leaf (*Quercus robur*) stem to base in the form of a devil's tail sable, and four bendlets wavy argent. The bendlets represent four important French rivers in World War I: the Vesle, Aisne, Aire and Meuse. The devil represents the Chateau du Diable, and the oak tree represents the Argonne Forest. Motto: Second to None.

### 306<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT CREST

Each bar gmeled represents two rivers in France between which the regiment fought in World War I: The first, between the Vesle and Aisne; and second, between the Aire and Meuse. The most brilliant action by the regiment was the taking of the town of Saint-Juvin on the Aire River on 14 October 1918. St. Juvin was a hermit shepherd and the shepherd's crook represents this action. The two fleur-de-lis indicate two major offensives of the unit. Motto: Suivez moi. (Follow me.)

### 307<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT CREST

The mailed gauntlet grasping the oak branch symbolizes the drive through the Argonne Forest in France in World War I. The broken chain symbolizes the rescue of the surrounded troops. The bend represents the Vesle River. The portcullis represents the town of Grandpré. Motto: Clear the Way.

### 308<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT CREST

The millwheel symbolizes the Moulin de Charlevaux. The three oak trees represent the Argonne Forest, and also the number of major operations in which the regiment participated.

Motto: Tojours en avant. (Ever Forward.)

### 77<sup>th</sup> SIGNAL BATTALION INSIGNIA

A silver color metal and enamel device, consisting of: Argent, a torch sable enflamed, surmounting in base three waves tenné, and flanked in chief by two slips of grapevine of the second. Orange and white are the colors traditionally associated with the Signal Corps. The flaming torch, one of the oldest means of communication, alludes to the unit's function. The unit's service in World War I is represented by the two slips of grapevine with four leaves for battle honors won in France. The three waves refer to the unit's World War II service in the Pacific Theater.

### 77<sup>th</sup> TRANSPORTATION BATTALION INSIGNIA

A gold color metal and enamel device, consisting of a shield emblazoned: Gules (brick red), a worm gear Or detailed of the field and charged in the center with a hurt; mounted above the gear a driving worm fesswise of the second. Attached below and to the sides of the shield, a bipartite Gold scroll inscribed “PARATUS” to dexter and “VOLVERE” to sinister, in blue letters. Brick red and golden yellow are the colors for Transportation Battalions. The gear is symbolic of all motor vehicles and alludes to the mission of the unit to give superior mobility for military personnel, weapons and supplies to organizations, activities and operations. The blue disc represents infantry and refers to the Infantry Division of which the Battalion is an organic element. The motto translates to “Ready to Roll.”

### 302<sup>nd</sup> ENGINEERS BATTALION CREST

The chief is an augmentation of honor for the World War in which the regiment participated, being cited by the French and awarded the Croix-de-Guerre with Palm for bridge building; the French military topographical symbol of a bridge (wagon traffic represents this accomplishment). The bend represents service in the Champagne and Lorraine, both provinces having bends on their arms. The two major offensives, Oise-Aisne and Meuse-Argonne, are represented by the two wavy bendlets, which have been made red in honor of those who lost their blood at these points.

Motto: We Clear the Way.

### 302<sup>nd</sup> MEDICAL BATTALION CREST

The shield is sanguine and white -- the Medical Corps' colors. The Maltese cross represents the coat-of-arms of the Knights Hospitalers of St. John, an organization formed in Jerusalem during the Crusades in 1118 for the purpose of caring for the sick and wounded. Motto: *Nous seignons.* (We take care of others.)

### 304<sup>th</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION CREST

The shield is red for Artillery. The wavy partition of the chief represents the Chemin des Dames; the wavy bendlets represent the Vesle, Aire and Meuse Rivers; and the oak tree represents the Argonne Forest. Motto: *Forward.*

### 305<sup>th</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION CREST

The shield is red for Artillery. The fleur-de-lis symbolizes service in France during World War I, and the oak trees represent the regiment's outstanding achievements in the Argonne Forest. Motto: *Per umbras ad victoriam.* (Through the shadows to victory.)

### 306<sup>th</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION CREST

The shield is red for Artillery. The three wavy bendlets represent the Vesle, Aaise and Meuse Rivers; the oak tree represents the Argonne Forest; and the vanes of the old Dutch windmill are taken from the flag of the City of New York. The canton represents the 77<sup>th</sup> Division. Motto: Leads the Way.

### 902<sup>nd</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION CREST

The fabled assimilative power of the ostrich to digest metal is an implication that the organization's fortitude and courage can stomach cold steel, and is ready to endure much. The speed of the bird implies that they can go far and fast, and the tremendous power of the blow of the ostrich's leg is representative of the force of their fire. Motto: *Avauncez et arches bien.* (Advance and shoot well.)