

## 632d ARMOR

Wisconsin

### HERALDIC ITEMS

#### COAT OF ARMS

*Shield:* Or, three bendlets vert, a mace (morning star) sable, the head in sinister chief and the handle bendwise in dexter base joined together by a curved chain.

*Crest:* That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Wisconsin Army National Guard: On a wreath of the colors (or and vert) a badger couchant proper.

*Motto:* *Age Aut Perfice* (Act or Achieve).

*Symbolism:* Yellow is the color for armor. The morning star, a weapon used by mounted and heavily armored knights in the medieval age, is symbolic of armor and its crushing assault power. The three green bendlets represent the three battle honors awarded the organization in the Pacific area during World War II.

#### DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield, crest, and motto of the coat of arms.

### LINEAGE AND HONORS

#### LINEAGE

Constituted 3 December 1941 in the Army of the United States as the 632d Tank Destroyer Battalion. Organized 15 December 1941 at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, with Wisconsin National Guard personnel of the 32d Division. Inactivated 1 January 1946 at Camp Stoneman, California.

Reorganized, redesignated, and Federally recognized 15 November 1949 in the Wisconsin National Guard as the 132d Heavy Tank Battalion with Headquarters at Merrill, and assigned to the 32d Infantry Division. Redesignated 1 February 1953 as the 132d Tank Battalion.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1959 as the 105th Armor, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Medium Tank Battalion and the 2d Reconnaissance Squadron, elements of the 32d Infantry Division. 1st Medium Tank Battalion

### LINEAGES AND HERALDIC DATA

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and 2d Reconnaissance Squadron ordered into active Federal service 15 October 1961 at home stations; released 10 August 1962 from active Federal service and reverted to state control.

105th Armor (less 2d Reconnaissance Squadron) reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as the 632d Armor, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, to consist of the 1st and 2d Battalions, elements of the 32d Infantry Division (2d Reconnaissance Squadron concurrently reorganized and redesignated as the 105th Cavalry—hereafter separate lineage). Reorganized 30 December 1967 to consist of the 1st Battalion, a nondivisional unit.

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

*World War II*  
New Guinea  
Leyte (with arrowhead)  
Luzon

Company A, 1st Battalion (Merrill), additionally entitled to:

*World War I*  
Aisne-Marne  
Oise-Aisne  
Meuse-Argonne  
Alsace 1918  
Champagne 1918  
Lorraine 1918

#### DECORATIONS

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945 (632d Tank Destroyer Battalion cited; DA GO 47, 1950)

Company A, 1st Battalion (Merrill), additionally entitled to:

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer embroidered AITAPE (129th Field Artillery Battalion cited; WD GO 76, 1946)

French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, World War I, Streamer embroidered AISNE-MARNE, OISE-MARNE (120th Field Artillery cited; WD GO 11, 1924)

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