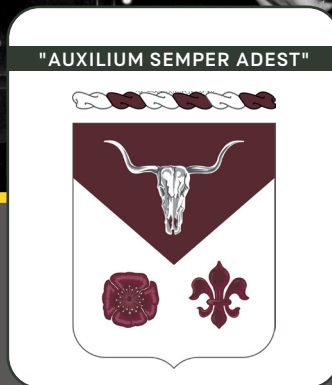
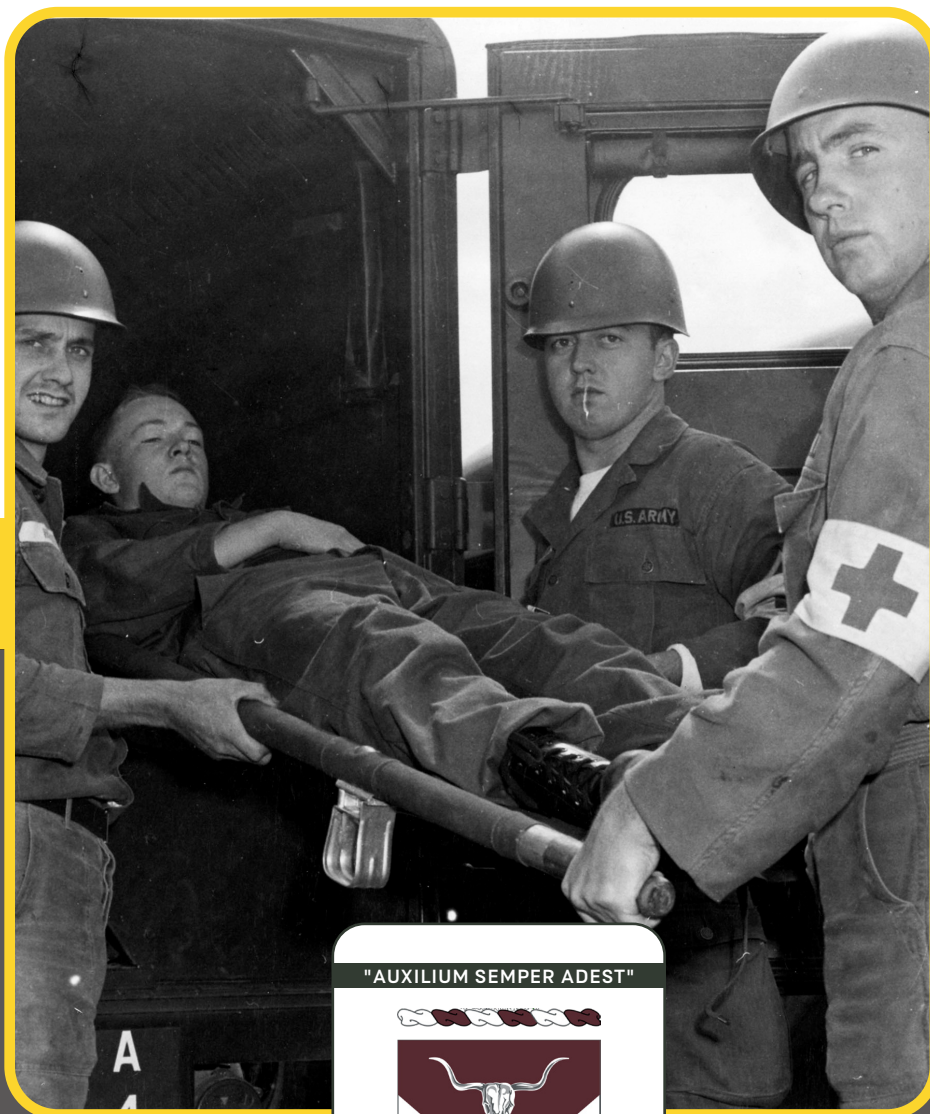


## UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



# 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

COLUMBUS, OHIO

# 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

The 684th Medical Company was organized in the Ohio National Guard on May 14, 1921 in Westerville, Ohio as the 134th Ambulance Company, 112th Medical Regiment. The company was first stationed in the Westerville Town Hall and later in a former residence on East College Avenue until the state armory was built in 1938.

The unit was equipped with horse-drawn ambulances when it was organized. Between 1934 and 1938, trucks were issued to the unit and horse-drawn equipment was phased out. In 1937, a reorganization took place and changed all of the separate medical units in the 37th Division to lettered companies. Concurrently, the 134th Ambulance Company became Company D, 112th Medical Regiment.

On October 15, 1940, the company was inducted into federal service and sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. for training. In February 1942, the 37th Division reorganized and Company D was redesignated as Company C, 112th Medical Battalion. Company C was one of three collecting companies in the battalion and served as the forward echelon of the division medical service. They were the connecting links in the chain of evacuation between infantry aid stations and division clearing stations.

The company served in this role during fighting on New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon in the South Pacific. During the war, it was twice awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for support of the 37th Infantry Division on Bougainville and Luzon. The company was inactivated in December 1945.

The company was reorganized in Westerville on October 9, 1947 as Company D, 112th Medical Battalion. Shortly after, in 1949, the company was redesignated as Clearing Company, 112th Medical Battalion. The unit returned to active service in January 1952 and was sent to Camp Polk, La. for training. While the unit did not go to Korea, most of its Soldiers were rotated as individual replacements.

After returning to Ohio in 1954, the company underwent a number of reorganizations in 1959 and 1963. Finally, in 1968, when the 37th Infantry Division was removed from Ohio's troop allotment, the company was reorganized as the 684th Medical Company.

The unit remained under this designation until 1995 when it became Company C, 118th Medical Battalion. Company C returned to active duty in 2003 and served in Iraq the following year where it earned its third Meritorious Unit Commendation.

The most recent reorganization occurred on Sept. 1, 2007, when the unit returned to its historic 684th Medical Company designation. For the first time in its history, the unit moved from its home in Westerville to Columbus.

The company was once again ordered into federal service in 2011 and deployed to Afghanistan where it earned a fourth Meritorious Unit Commendation.

# HERALDIC ITEMS



## DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A silver color metal and enamel device 1 inch (2.54 cm) in height overall consisting of a rectangular shield divided per chevron reversed, maroon above white, on the maroon portion the skull and horns of a Texas Longhorn steer in silver; on the white portion a conventionalized poppy and fleur-de-lis both of maroon. Attached below the shield a maroon arced segmented scroll inscribed "AUXILIUM SEMPER ADEST" in silver letters.

Symbolism: Maroon and white are the colors of the Medical Department. The skull and horns of the Texas Longhorn represent service on the Mexican Border, and the poppy and fleur-de-lis symbolize service in Flanders and in France, respectively, during World War I. The motto translates to "Help Always Ready."

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 112th Medical Regiment on 3 July 1928. It was redesignated for the 112th Medical Battalion on 3 September 1943. It was redesignated for the 112th Medical Group on 25 September 1974. The insignia was redesignated for the 112th Medical Brigade on 14 August 1975. The insignia was redesignated for the 112th Medical Battalion on 1 September 2023.



## COAT OF ARMS

Description/Blazon:

Shield: Per chevron reversed Sanguine and Argent, in chief the skull and horns of a longhorn steer of the second, in base a conventionalized poppy and a fleur-de-lis of the first.

Crest: That for the regiments of the Ohio National Guard: On a wreath of the colors Argent and Sanguine a sheaf of seventeen arrows of the first bound by a sprig of buckeye fruited Proper. Motto: AUXILIUM SEMPER ADEST (Help Always Ready).

Symbolism: Maroon and white are the colors of the Medical Department. The skull and horns of the Texas Longhorn represent service on the Mexican Border, and the poppy and fleur-de-lis symbolize service in Flanders and in France, respectively, during World War I.

Background: The coat of arms was originally approved on 16 January 1968 and cancelled on 7 October 1974. The coat of arms was redesignated for the 112th Medical Battalion effective 01 September 2023.



## 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 14 May 1921 in the Ohio National Guard at Westerville as the 134th Ambulance Company, 112th Medical Regiment, an element of the 37th Division

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1937 as Company D, 112th Medical Regiment

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Westerville

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1942 as Company C, 112th Medical Battalion

(37th Division redesignated 1 February 1942 as the 37th Infantry Division)

Inactivated 13 December 1945 at Camp Stoneman, California

Consolidated with the former Veterinary Company, 112th Medical Regiment (see ANNEX 1); consolidated unit reorganized and Federally recognized 9 October 1947 in the Ohio National Guard at Westerville as Company D, 112th Medical Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 February 1949 as Clearing Company, 112th Medical Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Westerville

(Clearing Company, 112th Medical 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 Clearing Company, 112th Medical Battalion (NGUS)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Company A, 112th Medical Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company B, 112th Medical Battalion



RIGHT: Sgt. Virgil Kenney of Company C, 112th Medical Battalion, inspects tomato plants that he is growing in the jungles of Bougainville, April 1944.

BELOW: Soldiers of Company D, 112th Medical Regiment pull their gear out along the company street for tent cleaning in 1941 at Camp Shelby, Miss.





Clearing Company, 112th Medical Battalion, Camp Breckenridge, Ky., 1958.



Company B, 112th Medical Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 February 1968 as the 684th Medical Company and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Consolidated 1 September 1995 with Detachment 1, 684th Medical Company (see ANNEX 2); consolidated unit designated as Company C, 118th Medical Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 7 December 2003 at Westerville; released from active Federal service 3 June 2005 and reverted to state control

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2007 as the 684th Medical Company; location changed to Columbus

Ordered into active Federal service 11 September 2011 at Columbus; released from active Federal service 14 October 2012 and reverted to state control

## ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally Recognized 7 May 1921 in the Ohio National Guard at Westerville as the 112th Veterinary Company, 112th Medical Regiment, an element of the 37th Division

Redesignated 1 January 1937 as Veterinary Company, 112th Medical Regiment

Inducted into Federal service 15 October 1940 at Westerville

Disbanded 1 February 1942 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi

## ANNEX 2

Constituted 19 August 1987 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Medical Troop, Support Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment



684th Medical Company, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1978.



Spc. Tamara Guzzo of the 684th Medical Company takes aim from her defensive position during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich. in 1985.



Spc. Neil Cornett, Company C, 118th Medical Battalion, performs a routine check-up on a local Iraqi boy who came to the Khashoom Hellan clinic in Baghdad, Iraq with his family on Aug. 17, 2004.

Organized and Federally recognized 4 August 1988 at Cleveland as Company C, Support Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Afghanistan:  
Transition I

Expanded reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1993 as Detachment 1, 684th Medical Company and Detachment 1, 385th Medical Company (hereafter a separate lineage); location changed to North Canton

#### DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered BOUGAINVILLE

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered PACIFIC THEATER

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2004

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2011-2012

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

HOME STATION: Columbus

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II  
Northern Solomons  
Luzon (with arrowhead)

War on Terrorism  
Iraq:  
Transition of Iraq  
Iraqi Governance



Spc. Wesley Cheung, a health care specialist with the 684th Medical Company, inserts an intravenous catheter into a simulated casualty during a mass casualty exercise during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich., July 18, 2014.



# PAST COMMANDERS

## 134TH AMBULANCE COMPANY

1922: Capt. Ulric Z. Junkerman

1923-1930: Capt. Otto B. Cornell

1931-1937: Capt. Adelbert R. Callander

## COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL REGIMENT

1937-1938: Capt. Adelbert R. Callander

1941: Capt. Joseph J. Fink

## COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1947-49: Maj. Dale E. Putnam

## CLEARING COMPANY,

### 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1949-1952: Maj. Dale E. Putnam

1952-1954: Maj. Frank W. Taylor

1959: Capt. John Heffelfinger

## COMPANY A, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1959-1963: Capt. William K. Cornwell

## COMPANY B, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1963-1967: Capt. William N. Freeman

## 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

1968-1970: Capt. George Sawaya

1970-1971: Maj. Stuart Savage

1971-1973: Capt. Stewart Stock

1973-1975: Capt. Elliot Oaklander

1975-1976: Maj. Andrew Regrut

1978: Maj. Ronald G. Conkle

1978-1982: Maj. Dick I. Belt

1982-1984: Capt. Corwin Belt

1984-1987: Capt. James N. Sears

1987-1989: Maj. Douglas Maser

1990-1991: Maj. Frank W. DiBendetto

1992-1993: Maj. Wanda Dillard

1993: Capt. Earl Smith Jr.

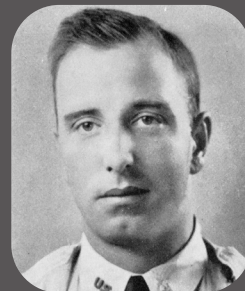
1993-1994: Maj. Richard Keyser

1994-1995: Maj. Joy Timmens

1995: Capt. Paul E. Esmahan



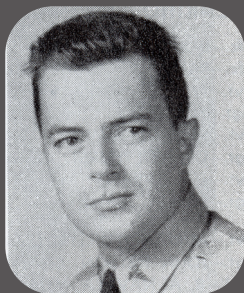
Capt. Callander



Capt. Fink



Maj. Putnam



Maj. Taylor



Capt. Cornwell



Maj. Savage



Maj. Regrut



Maj. Belt



Capt. Belt



Capt. Sears



Maj. Maser



Maj. DiBendetto



Capt. Smith



Maj. Keyser



Maj. Timmens

# PAST COMMANDERS

## COMPANY C, 118TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1995-1997: Capt. Paul E. Esmahan

1997-1999: Maj. Jeffrey Adkins

1999-2000: Maj. John T. Gant III

2001-2005: Maj. William S. Turton

2006-2007: Lt. Col. Patrick S. Callender

## 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

2007-2008: Lt. Col. Patrick S. Callender

2008-2010: Maj. Joshua P. Stauffer

2010-2013: Capt. Brad A. Kennedy

2013-2016: Maj. David D. Rosenberger

2016-2019: Capt. Elena A. Gonzalez

2019-2022: Maj. David I. Kirker

2022-Present: Maj. Jamie Kinnison



Maj. Adkins



Maj. Gant



Maj. Turton



Maj. Callender



Maj. Stauffer



Capt. Kennedy



Capt. Gonzalez



Maj. Kirker



Maj. Kinnison

# PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

## COMPANY D, 112TH MEDICAL REGIMENT

1938: 1st Sgt. Roy Schwarzkoff  
1938-1942: 1st Sgt. Ray Lust

## CLEARING COMPANY, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1952: 1st Sgt. Walter Shelly  
1952-1954: 1st Sgt. Kenneth Ullom  
1954: 1st Sgt. Charles Young  
1st Sgt. Dwight Kreischner  
1st Sgt. Glenard Goodyear  
1959: 1st Sgt. Leno Bernardo

## COMPANY A, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1959-1963: 1st Sgt. George Cline

## COMPANY B, 112TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1963-1968: 1st Sgt. George Cline

## 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

1968: 1st Sgt. Matt Robson  
1968-1969: 1st Sgt. Daniel Smith  
1969-1971: 1st Sgt. Richard Talbott  
1971-1975: 1st Sgt. Walter Myles  
1976-1981: 1st Sgt. Rodney Newell  
1982-1985: 1st Sgt. James Marshall  
1986-1992: 1st Sgt. Carl Fortney  
1992-1994: 1st Sgt. Charles Dodge  
1994-1995: 1st Sgt. Joseph M. Vince

## COMPANY C, 118TH MEDICAL BATTALION

1995-2004: 1st Sgt. Joseph M. Vince  
2004-2005: 1st Sgt. Lloyd R. Creeger  
2005: 1st Sgt. Joseph M. Vince  
2005-2007: 1st Sgt. Lloyd R. Creeger

## 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

2007-2008: 1st Sgt. Lloyd R. Creeger  
2009-2011: 1st Sgt. Robert Cahill  
2011-2012: 1st Sgt. Kevin Runyon  
2013-2019: 1st Sgt. Andrew Brace  
2019-2022: 1st Sgt. Jason R. Moore  
2022-Present: 1st Sgt. Shelley Senters



1st Sgt. Ullom



1st Sgt. Young



1st Sgt. Cline



1st Sgt. Newell



1st Sgt. Marshall



1st Sgt. Fortney



1st Sgt. Creeger



1st Sgt. Cahill



1st Sgt. Runyon



1st Sgt. Brace



1st Sgt. Moore



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