



DECEMBER 16-22, 2024



THROUGH THE LENS

DECEMBER 2004: Soldiers from Troop C, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry inspect a barn for illegal contraband during Operation Toulouse Noose in Kosovo.



WEEK IN REVIEW

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DECEMBER 16, 2004: The 1483d Transportation Company is organized in Walbridge.

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DECEMBER 18, 1945: The 37th Infantry Division is inactivated at Camp Anza, Calif. following World War II.

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DECEMBER 20, 1989: The 180th Tactical Fighter Group supports Operation Just Cause: the Invasion of Panama. Beginning in November 1989, elements of the 180th were deployed to Howard Air Force Base, Panama for a scheduled rotation of units. While there, the operation launched in the early morning of Dec. 20 with numerous Army units making ground and airborne attacks at various locations. The 180th flew more than 20 combat sorties in the unit's A-7D Corsair II aircraft and expended 2,715 rounds of ammunition in support of those ground troops. The group became the first Air National Guard unit in the Tactical Air Command to experience combat since the Vietnam War.



HALL OF VALOR

SERGEANT
OTIS EARL HAWKINS

COMPANY E, 145TH INFANTRY,
37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

DECEMBER 18, 1943
BOUGAINVILLE, SOLOMON ISLANDS



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Sergeant Otis Earl Hawkins, United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Company E, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, in action against the enemy at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 18 December 1943. Sgt. Hawkins courageously carried a severely wounded comrade on his back for a distance of eighty yards under direct and heavy enemy fire.



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