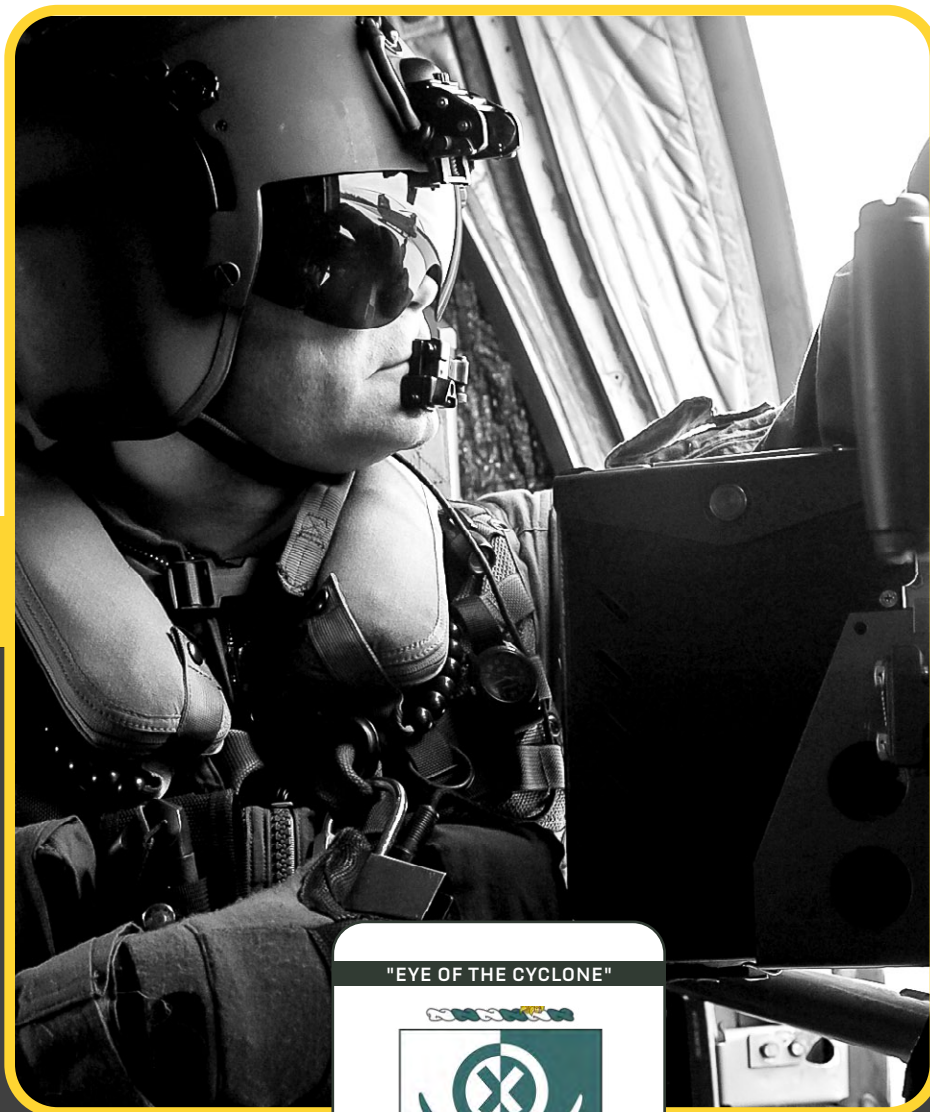


UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH



"EYE OF THE CYCLONE"



**COMPANY B, 3D BATTALION,  
238TH AVIATION REGIMENT**

NORTH CANTON, OHIO

# COMPANY B, 3D BATTALION, 238TH AVIATION REGIMENT

Company B, 3d Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment was constituted on July 3, 1946, in the Ohio National Guard as Battery A, 183d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion and received its federal recognition on Sept. 26, 1947, while stationed at Fort Hayes in Columbus. The battalion was a segregated, all-black unit that was an element of the 37th Infantry Division. On Feb. 1, 1949, the battalion was redesignated as the 137th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion.

On Jan. 15, 1952, the battalion was ordered into active federal service for the Korean War. Initially, they were sent to Fort Bliss, Texas for training, before reuniting with the rest of the division at Camp Polk, La. Many of the Soldiers in the battery were sent to Korea as individual replacements. The unit returned to Ohio in 1954 and became an integrated unit that summer.

The company received its first flying mission on Sept. 1, 1959, when the unit was converted to the 1091st Transportation Company, which was organized as a light helicopter company. In 1961 the unit moved from Columbus to Greensburg, Ohio and was stationed at the former Air National Guard hangar at the Akron-Canton Airport. On April 1, 1963, the company returned to the 37th Infantry Division, when it was reorganized as Company A, 137th Aviation Battalion.

In 1968, the 37th Infantry Division was removed from Ohio's troop allotment and Company A was reorganized as a detachment of the 1416th Transportation Company stationed in Columbus. The company was an aviation maintenance unit that serviced the rotary-wing aircraft assigned to the Ohio National Guard. On Oct. 1, 1987, the unit was redesignated as Det. 1, Company D, 137th Aviation, continuing its aviation maintenance role.

In late 2002 the unit underwent a number of changes in a few short months. It began on Nov. 1, 2002, when the unit was consolidated with Company B, 3d Battalion, 126th Aviation and was redesignated as Det. 1, Company G, 137th Aviation. On Dec. 1, the unit was consolidated with Troops D, E and F, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry, all former flying elements of the division cavalry squadron. On April 1, 2003, the detachment was reorganized as Company G, 137th Aviation, with a detachment of the unit stationed in New York. During these reorganizations, the unit returned to a flying role and was equipped with the CH-47 "Chinook" heavy helicopter.

On Sept. 1, 2006, the unit was redesignated as Company B, 3d Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment and has deployed three times in support of the War on Terrorism, with mobilizations in 2011-2013; 2015-2016; and 2020-2021.



A CH-47 Chinook from the Ohio Army National Guard's Company B, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment, located in North Canton, Ohio, performed a sling load of a heavy drop pallet in a muddy drop zone at the 179th Airlift Wing, Mansfield, Ohio, March 18, 2016.



# LINEAGE AND HONORS

Constituted 3 July 1946 in the Ohio National Guard as Battery A, 183d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Organized and Federally recognized 26 September 1947 at Columbus and assigned as an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 February 1949 as Battery A, 137th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

Ordered into active Federal service 15 January 1952 at Columbus

Reorganized and redesignated 20 May 1953 as Battery A, 137th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

(Battery A, 137th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion [NGUS] organized and Federally recognized 17 March 1954)

Released from active Federal service 15 June 1954 and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from Battery A, 137th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (NGUS)

Converted and redesignated 1 September 1959 as the 1091st Transportation Company and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Location changed 1 October 1961 to Greensburg

Converted and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company A, 137th Aviation Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division



Members of Battery A, 137th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion are shown working on their .50 cal. quad guns, circa 1959.



Company A, 137th Aviation Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.

Consolidated 1 May 1968 with Shop Support Section and Shop and Avionics Repair Platoons, 1416th Transportation Company (see ANNEX 1); consolidated unit designated as Shop Support Section and Shop and Avionics Repair Platoons, 1416th Transportation Company and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

Redesignated 1 November 1969 as Detachment 1, 1416th Transportation Company

Reorganized and redesignated 1 October 1987 as Detachment 1, Company D, 137th Aviation

Consolidated 1 November 2002 with Company B, 3d Battalion, 126th Aviation (see ANNEX 2); consolidated unit designated as Detachment 1, Company G, 137th Aviation

Consolidated 1 December 2002 with Troop D, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry (see ANNEX 3), Troop E, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry (see ANNEX 4) and Troop F, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry (see ANNEX 4); consolidated unit designated as Detachment 1, Company G, 137th Aviation

Company B, 3d Battalion, 126th Aviation elements withdrawn 1 April 2003 and converted, reorganized and redesignated as Detachment 2, Company A, 638th Support Battalion – hereafter a separate lineage; concurrently Detachment 1, Company G, 137th Aviation reorganized and redesignated as Company G, 137th Aviation

Reorganized and redesignated 1 September 2006 as Company B, 3d Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Location changed 15 September 2007 to Green

Ordered into active Federal service 11 December 2011 at Green; released from active Federal service 13 January 2013 and reverted to state control; location concurrently changed to North Canton

Ordered into active Federal service 2 November 2015 at North Canton; released from active Federal service 5 December 2016 and reverted to state control



A CH-47 Chinook helicopter operated by Soldiers with Company B, 3d Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment, 28th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, flies over an airfield in the 28th ECAB's area of operations February 10, 2021 in the Middle East.



Company E, 737th Maintenance Battalion, Camp Grayling, Mich., 1965.

Ordered into active Federal service 18 June 2020 at North Canton; released from active Federal service 17 June 2021 and reverted to state control

#### ANNEX 1

Organized and Federally recognized 1 December 1950 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Columbus as Medical Detachment, 174th Field Artillery Battalion

Converted and redesignated 1 September 1959 as the 1092d Transportation Company

Location changed 1 October 1961 to Greensburg

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 April 1963 as Company E, 737th Maintenance Battalion, an element of the 37th Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 15 February 1968 as Shop Support Section and Shop and Avionics Repair Platoons, 1416th Transportation Company and relieved from assignment to the 37th Infantry Division

#### ANNEX 2

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

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

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

Consolidated 1 September 1997 with the 107th Medical Company (organized and Federally recognized 5 January 1997 at North Canton); consolidated unit reorganized as the 107th Medical Company

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1999 as Company B, 3d Battalion, 126th Aviation

### ANNEX 3

Organized and Federally recognized 24 February 1949 in the Ohio Army National Guard at Cleveland as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 212th Medical Battalion

Converted and redesignated 1 September 1959 as Aviation Company, 107th Armored Cavalry

Location changed 1 November 1961 to Greensburg

Reorganized and redesignated 15 November 1965 as Troop N, 107th Armored Cavalry

Redesignated 1 May 1978 as Air Troop, 107th Armored Cavalry

Reorganized and redesignated 15 September 1986 as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Aviation Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Redesignated 1 September 1988 as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry



A soldier guides a Cessna O-1 Bird Dog airplane from Aviation Company, 107th Armored Cavalry during annual training at Fort Knox, Ky., circa 1965.



Soldiers from the Medical Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry carry a casualty to a UH-1 Huey Helicopter of Company D, 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation during a training exercise near the Allen County Airport in 1999.



Commanders and guidon bearers of the 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry salute the reviewing stand during a pass in review ceremony during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich. in 1989.

Consolidated 1 September 1990 with Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry (see ANNEX 5); consolidated unit designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Consolidated 1 September 1996 with Company N, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry (see ANNEX 6), Troop O, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry (see ANNEX 7), Troop P, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry (see ANNEX 8), Detachment 1, Company T, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry (see ANNEX 9); consolidated unit designated as Company D, 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Converted and redesignated 1 February 2000 as Troop D, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry

#### ANNEX 4

Constituted 15 September 1986 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Troop D, Aviation Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Organized and Federally recognized 2 September 1987 at North Canton

Redesignated 1 September 1988 as Troop Q, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1996 as Company E, 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation, an element of the 38th Infantry Division

Expanded, converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 February 2000 as Troops E and F, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry

## ANNEX 5

Constituted 15 September 1986 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Aviation Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Organized and Federally recognized 31 August 1987 at North Canton

Redesignated 1 September 1988 as Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

## ANNEX 6

Constituted 15 September 1986 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Company A, Aviation Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Organized and Federally recognized 2 September 1987 at North Canton

Redesignated 1 September 1988 as Company N, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

## ANNEX 7

Constituted 15 September 1986 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Troop B, Aviation Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Organized and Federally recognized 2 September 1987 at North Canton

Redesignated 1 September 1988 as Troop O, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

## ANNEX 8

Constituted 15 September 1986 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Troop C, Aviation Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

Organized and Federally recognized 2 September 1987 at North Canton

Redesignated 1 September 1988 as Troop P, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

## ANNEX 9

Constituted 15 September 1986 in the Ohio Army National Guard as Detachment 1, Company G, Aviation Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Organized and Federally recognized 2 September 1987 at North Canton

Redesignated 1 September 1988 as Detachment 1, Company T, 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

HOME STATION: North Canton

## CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

None

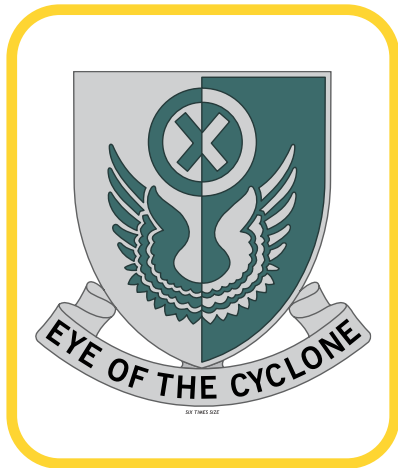
## DECORATIONS

None



Pvt. Mike Vranich, a member of Det. 1, Company G, Aviation Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry, inspects the tail rotor assembly of an AH-1 Cobra helicopter during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich. circa 1988.

# HERALDIC ITEMS



## DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A Silver color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall consisting of a shield blazoned: Per pale Argent and Azure (Teal Blue), wings erect conjoined below a saltire within an annulet all counterchanged. Attached below the shield a Silver scroll inscribed "EYE OF THE CYCLONE" in Black letters.

Symbolism: Teal blue and white (silver) were the colors formerly associated with Aviation organizations. The wings symbolize flight operations. The annulet is used to allude to an eyelet, an "item" for securing, and a "place" for observing. The saltire cross stands for the state of Indiana, which is called "The Crossroads of America." An "X" has long been used to mark a definite location; in this connection the saltire also refers to the unit's reconnaissance activities.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 38th Aviation Battalion on 15 November 1963. It was amended to correct the description on 26 December 1963. The insignia was redesignated for the 238th Aviation Regiment with the description and symbolism revised effective 1 October 1987.



## COAT OF ARMS

Description/Blazon:

Shield: Per pale Argent and Azure (Teal Blue), wings erect conjoined below a saltire couped within an annulet all counterchanged.

Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Indiana Army National Guard, on a wreath of the colors Argent and Azure (Teal Blue), a demi-lion rampant Argent holding in dexter paw a laurel branch Vert.

Motto: "EYE OF THE CYCLONE"

Symbolism: Teal blue and white were the colors formerly associated with Aviation organizations. The wings symbolize flight operations. The annulet is used to allude to an eyelet, an "item" for securing, and a "place" for observing. The saltire cross stands for the state of Indiana, which is called "The Crossroads of America." An "X" has long been used to mark a definite location; in this connection the saltire also refers to the unit's reconnaissance activities.

Background: The coat of arms was originally approved for the 38th Aviation Battalion on 15 November 1963. It was amended to correct the blazon of the shield on 26 December 1963. The insignia was redesignated for the 238th Aviation Regiment with the blazon and symbolism revised effective 1 October 1987.

## SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description/Blazon: A rectangular embroidered device 3 inches (7.62 cm) in height and 2 5/16 inches (5.87 cm) in width overall and bowed at top and bottom edges consisting of an ultramarine blue field charged with a white antique sword point down between two golden orange wings upraised and two white lightning flashes issuing from each side, their points meeting in base below the sword tip, all within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) golden orange border.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and golden orange are traditionally associated with the Aviation Branch. White denotes integrity and purpose. The wings represent flight; the sword refers to the numeral "one," recalling the organization's ties to the birthplace of powered flight in North Carolina and the unit motto, "First In Flight." Together, the lightning flashes form an aerial axis of advance and with the sword, represent the bold, dynamic strike capabilities of the Assault Theater Aviation Brigade. The lightning flashes refer also to the dual nature of the organization, whose focus includes combat capabilities and defense support to the homeland. The golden orange border signifies strength and unity.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was approved for the 449th Aviation Brigade on 16 June 2009.



# PAST COMMANDERS

## BATTERY A,

### 137TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTALION

1952: 1st Lt. Peter V. Johnson

1954: 1st Lt. Charles L. Carr

## COMPANY A, 137TH AVIATION BATTALION

1965-1968: Maj. Raymond R. Galloway

## COMPANY G, 137TH AVIATION REGIMENT

2003-2006: Maj. Anthony P. Digiacommo II

## COMPANY B, 3D BATTALION,

### 238TH AVIATION REGIMENT

2006-2007: Maj. Anthony P. Digiacommo II

2007-2010: Maj. John K. Whitney

2010-2013: Capt. Thomas P. Morrison

2013-2014: Capt. John H. Yahnert Jr.

2014-2018: Capt. Robert K. Boring

2018-2021: Capt. Tara L. Pappas

2021-: Capt. Zachary W. Johnson

## ANNEX 1

## COMPANY E,

### 737TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1963-1964: Capt. Raymond R. Galloway

1964-1966: Capt. Dean H. Wilson

1966-1967: Capt. Samuel G. Lettie

1968: Capt. Theodore M. Stults II

## ANNEX 2

## 107TH MEDICAL COMPANY

1995-1999: Maj. Stuart Driesbach

## COMPANY B, 3D BATTALION, 126TH AVIATION

2000-2002: Maj. Micheal J. Robbins

## ANNEX 3

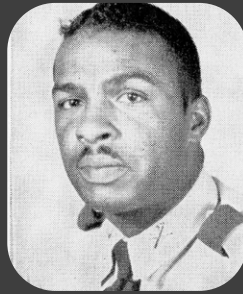
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### 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

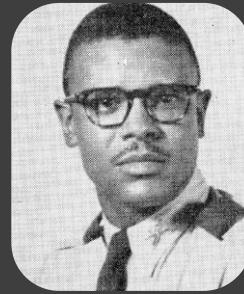
1959-1960: Capt. Charles T. Strachan

1960-1962: Capt. Irving R. Saunders

1963-1965: Maj. Robert J. Stewart



1st Lt. Johnson



1st Lt. Carr



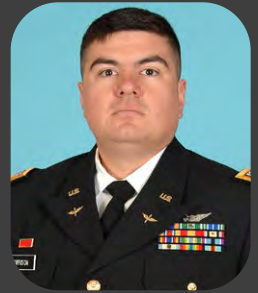
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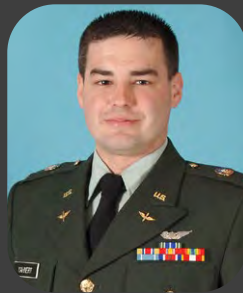
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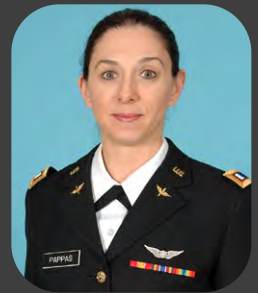
Capt. Morrison



Capt. Yahnert



Capt. Boring



Capt. Pappas



Capt. Johnson



Capt. Lettie



Capt. Stults



Maj. Driesbach



Capt. Saunders



Maj. Stewart

# PAST COMMANDERS

## TROOP N, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1965-1966: Capt. Norman J. Sullivan  
1967-1970: Capt. Anthony Long  
1970-1972: Maj. Dale F. Rehard  
1972-1974: Maj. Theodore M. Stults II  
1974-1976: Maj. Lawrence J. Logsdon  
1976-1978: Maj. Kenneth J. Bee  
1978: Maj. Lawrence J. Logsdon

## AIR TROOP, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1978-1979: Maj. John A. Sydow  
1979-1982: Maj. James G. Trope  
1982-1983: Maj. John W. Wyatt  
1983-1985: Maj. Fred A. Leistiko  
1985-1986: Maj. Thomas P. Luczynski

## HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS TROOP, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1987-1989: Capt. Thomas Tadsen  
1989: Capt. Blain M. Wyckoff  
1989-1990: Capt. Richard N. Maringer  
1990-1991: Capt. Alfred Faber  
1991-1996: Capt. Herman Valentine

## COMPANY D,

### 1ST BATTALION, 137TH AVIATION

1996-1998: Capt. Herman Valentine  
1999: Capt. Barry Easterling

## ANNEX 4

### TRP. Q, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1986-1989: Capt. Ronald C. Price  
1989-1992: Capt. Thomas Tadsen  
1992-1994: Capt. Anthony P. Digiacomo II  
1994-1996: Capt. Paul Boak

## COMPANY E,

### 1ST BATTALION, 137TH AVIATION

1999-2000: Capt. Michael Dykes

## ANNEX 6

### CO. N, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1988: Capt. Walter L. Bates  
1988-1989: Capt. Richard N. Maringer  
1989-1992: Capt. Michael J. Robbins



Maj. Rehard



Maj. Sydow



Maj. Leistiko



Maj. Luczynski



Capt. Tadsen



Capt. Wyckoff



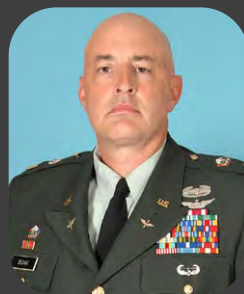
Capt. Maringer



Capt. Faber



Capt. Easterling



Capt. Boak



Capt. Dykes

# PAST COMMANDERS

## ANNEX 7

### TRP. O, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1986-1990: Capt. Donald T. Scott

1990-1992: Capt. Matthew E. Wagner

1993-1994: Capt. Stuart K. Driesbach

## ANNEX 8

### TRP. P, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1988-1989: Capt. Blaine M. Wyckoff

1989-1990: Capt. Gary G. Gatrell

1990-1991: Capt. Kenneth I. Park

1991-1992: 1st Lt. Scott D. Wiseman



Capt. Gatrell

# PAST FIRST SERGEANTS

## COMPANY G, 137TH AVIATION REGIMENT

2003-2004: 1st Sgt. Clarence Belle  
2004-2006: 1st Sgt. Gregory P. Sigelmier

## COMPANY B, 3D BATTALION, 238TH AVIATION REGIMENT

2006-2014: 1st Sgt. Gregory P. Sigelmier  
2014-2018: 1st Sgt. Gary D. Sarver  
2018-2023: 1st Sgt. Bryan S. Carter  
2024-: 1st Sgt. Michael E. Wirick

## ANNEX 1

## COMPANY E, 737TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION

1967: 1st Sgt. Frank C. Linnabary

## ANNEX 2

## 107TH MEDICAL COMPANY

1995-1996: 1st Sgt. William L. Gilliam  
1996-1999: 1st Sgt. Kim L. Stangelo

## COMPANY B, 3D BATTALION, 126TH AVIATION

1999: 1st Sgt. Kim L. Stangelo

## ANNEX 3

## TROOP N, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1974-1977: 1st Sgt. Ray H. Depew

## HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS TROOP, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1988: 1st Sgt. Jimmie L. Burks  
1988-1990: 1st Sgt. George E. McKay  
1990-1992: 1st Sgt. Russell L. Johnson

## COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 137TH AVIATION

1999-2000: 1st Sgt. Clarence Belle

## TROOP D, 2D SQUADRON, 107TH CAVALRY

2000-2002: 1st Sgt. Clarence Belle

## ANNEX 4

## TRP. Q, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1988-1990: 1st Sgt. Russell L. Johnson  
1990-1996: 1st Sgt. Kim Stangelo

## COMPANY E, 1ST BATTALION, 137TH AVIATION

1999-2000: 1st Sgt. Bruce A. Begue

## TROOP F, 2D SQUADRON, 107TH CAVALRY

1999-2000: 1st Sgt. Bruce A. Begue



1st Sgt. Belle



1st Sgt. Sigelmier



1st Sgt. Sarver



1st Sgt. Carter



1st Sgt. Wirick



1st Sgt. Gilliam



1st Sgt. Stangelo



1st Sgt. McKay



1st Sgt. Henry

## ANNEX 6

## CO. N, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1989-1992: 1st Sgt. David A. Sebald

## ANNEX 7

## TRP. O, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1988-1992: 1st Sgt. Phillip R. Criss

## ANNEX 8

## TRP. P, 4TH SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

1986-1992: 1st Sgt. John D. Henry  
1992: 1st Sgt. Horace D. Johnson  
1996: 1st Sgt. Clarence Belle



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