
69th ADA Unit Mission



69th ADA conducts air and missile defense operations in support of global strategic contingencies in order to deter, and then defeat Tactical Ballistic Missile (TBM) and Air Breathing Threat attacks.

69th ADA BDE Lineage and Honors



The 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade was first activated on 17 May 1918 at Fort Worden, Washington, as the 69th Regiment (Coast Artillery Corps). The unit participated in World War I and WWII, earning participation streamers for each. Additionally, the 69th earned a meritorious Unit Commendation Streamer embroidered PACIFIC THEATER during World War II.

Although reorganizing many times throughout its history, the 69th Brigade's longest affiliation began with its designation on 1 April 1960 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 69th Artillery Group. At the time, the 69th was assigned as one of four artillery groups under the operational command of the 32d Air Defense Brigade providing integrated air defense for the central European region. This association and mission continued unbroken for 31 years.

In 1989, the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, in conjunction with elements of the 32d Army Air Defense Command deployed a task force of over 1000 soldiers to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. As the dedicated high and medium altitude air defense asset of the VII US Army Corps, Task Force 8-43 fielded four Patriot firing batteries and two HAWK batteries. The task force provided critical protection to VII Corps as it executed a classic flanking action and raced into Iraq, crushing the vaunted Republican Guard. At the conclusion of the war, Task Force 8-43 was deployed well forward on the battlefield, providing integrated coverage against both hostile aircraft and ballistic missiles.

On 1 September 1991, the 69th Air Defense Brigade was reassigned as the air defense brigade for V Corps. Along with the new assignment came a new mission. Instead of providing primarily area coverage from fixed location, the Brigade is now responsible for the air defense of highly-mobile Corps assets. This new mission was born out of

increased requirements to provide dedicated coverage to maneuver units over the depth on an ever-expanding battlefield.

The 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, "Guarding the Skies", relocated from its headquarters located at Wurzburg, Germany in the summer of 2008. It was the only Air Defense Artillery Brigade deployed Corps Air Defense Brigade. The Brigade officially uncased its colors at Fort Hood, Texas on 16 September, 2008.