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CHRONOLOGY OF UNITS

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Olympia National Guard Unit Names and Dates After 1921
Original Olympia National Guard Units - 1921 (American Legion Hall) ¹ Third Company of the Coast Artillery Battery B 248th Coast Artillery (mustered into the National Guard December 21, 1921).
1922-1924 National Guard Units (American Legion Hall) ² 491st Company Coast Artillery Corp in 1922 [1923] Battery D 248th Coast Artillery Corps in March 1924 Battery D 248th Coast Artillery Battalion, Harbor Defense (HD) in May 1924
1925-1928 National Guard Units (American Legion Hall) ³ Headquarters Detachment, 1st Provisional Battalion, 248th Coast Artillery (HD) (June 3, 1925) Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 248th Coast Artillery (HD) (June 3, 1925) Medical Department Detachment, 1st Provisional Battalion, 248th Coast Artillery and Medical Department Detachment, 248th Coast Artillery Battalion (HD) (February 4, 1926) Headquarters 1st Provisional Battalion, 248th Coast Artillery (HD) (Index date 9 November 1923) Headquarters 248th Coast Artillery Battalion (HD)
1933-1935 (American Legion Hall) ⁴ Battery B 248th Coast Artillery Battalion, (HD), in October 1933 Battery B 248th Coast Artillery, (HD) Type A, in September 1935
November 1939 (Armory) ⁵ Headquarters 205th Coast Artillery Anti- Aircraft (AA) Medical Department Detachment 205th Coast Artillery (AA) Band 205th Coast Artillery attached to Headquarters Battery, 205th Coast Artillery (AA) Headquarters Detachment and Combat Trains, 2nd Battalion, 205th Coast Artillery (AA) Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 205th Coast Artillery (AA) Headquarters Battery and Combat Trains, 2nd Battalion 205th Coast Artillery AAA Regimental Headquarters Battery 205th Coast Artillery (AA) Company D, 4th Infantry Washington State Guard ⁶

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Federal Service February 1941 ⁷

205th Coast Artillery Regiment inducted into federal service in February 1941; moved to Fort Lewis for training to the 41st cantonment area at Fort Lewis

Sent to Camp Haan, California in late 1941 (part of anti-aircraft defenses of Los Angeles)

Federal Service 1943

September 1943, the 2nd Battalion, 205th Coast Artillery activated and elements re-designated

Original 2nd Battalion, 205th Coast Artillery became of the 530th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Weapons Battalion sent to Scotland in 1944 then to the 15th Army and Germany in April 1945

Deactivated late in 1945

State Guard Units World War II (Armory) ⁸

1941

Company D, (less 2nd Platoon), 4th Washington Volunteer Infantry

Company I, 4th Washington Volunteer Infantry

Company A, 3rd Infantry Battalion organized at Olympia in August 1941

1942

1st Company, 1st Prov Infantry Battalion

Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Washington Volunteer Infantry in January 1942

Aircraft Warning Service 1941 (Armory) ⁹

Branch of the Aircraft Warning Service set up a "Filter Board" operation at the Armory just prior and during World War II

Post-World War II (Armory)

Organized in 1947 ¹⁰

115th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade Operations Detachment

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 115th Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) Brigade

Battery C, 700th AAA Automatic Weapons (AW) Battalion.

1950-1952 Federal Service ¹¹

115th AAA Brigade Operations (in federal service August 1950)

State Service 1948 ¹²

State Duty "Operation Woodland" floods 1948

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1959 (Armory) ¹³

Battery C 700th AAA Battalion became Company Co. 2d Battle Group, 161st Infantry
Headquarters/Headquarters Battery 115th AAA Brigade and 115th AAA Detachment (Operations) became
Headquarters/Headquarters Battery 115th Artillery Brigade (A-D).

1962-1963 (Armory) ¹⁴

Headquarters/Headquarters Battery 115th Artillery Brigade (A-D) became the Headquarters/Headquarters Battery
205th Artillery Group
The 115th Brigade (A-D) Personnel of 41st Infantry became Headquarters/Headquarters Battery (H/HB) (Part) of the
41st Infantry Division, Artillery
Co. C, 2nd Brigade, 161st Infantry became Co. C, 1st Battalion, 303rd Armor in 1963

1964-1966 (Armory) ¹⁵

Co. C, 1st Battalion 303rd Armor changed to Co. B, 2nd Battalion 161st Infantry
H/HB 205th Artillery Group

1966-1970 (Armory) ¹⁶

Headquarters/Headquarters Detachment 115th Transportation Group
H/HB 205th Artillery Group (phased out in 1965) ¹⁷
Co. B, 2nd Battalion 161st Infantry—became part of 81st Infantry Brigade in 1968
2nd Internal Security Group Washington State Guard ¹⁸

1972 (Armory) ¹⁹

116th Support Center Rear Area Operations
Co. B, 2nd Battalion 161st Infantry
2nd Internal Security Group Washington State Guard

1974 (Armory) ²⁰

116th Support Center Rear Area Operations
Co. A, 3rd Battalion 161st Infantry-also became part of the 81st Infantry Brigade in 1974 ²¹
2nd Internal Security Group Washington State Guard ²²

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1980 (Armory) ²³

Headquarters and half of the Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion 146th Field Artillery of Washington Army National Guard moves to Olympia from Vancouver Area.

State Service 1980 ²⁴

1980 state duty at Mt. St. Helens

1989 (Armory) ²⁵

June 1989, the 2nd Battalion 146th Field Artillery reorganized under the U.S. Army Regimental System with Headquarters at Olympia.

State Service 1994 ²⁶

Leavenworth Fires, "Operation Firestorm"

1996 (Armory) ²⁷

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 2nd Battalion, 146th Field Artillery Battalion
Detachment 1, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 146th Field Artillery Battalion

2005 (Armory) ²⁸

Re-designated October 2005 as the 146th Field Artillery Regiment, an element of the 81st Infantry Brigade.

Federal Service 2003, 2008 ²⁹

Deployment to Middle East in 2003 and 2008 for guarding of convoys and security

State Service 2005 and 2007 ³⁰

Hurricane Katrina (2005) and Centralia Floods (2007)

2016-2020 (Armory) ³¹

2-146th Field Artillery Regiment becomes part of 81st Infantry Stryker Brigade 2016.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of the 2nd Battalion 146th Field Artillery (2-146 FAR) is at Olympia. Battery A of the unit is at Walla Walla; Battery B is at Longview and Battery C in Seattle.

State Service 2020 ³²

COVID 19 and Seattle Civil Disturbance 2020

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Endnotes

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