

HERALDIC ITEMS

COAT OF ARMS



Shield: Gules, a conventionalized castle of Ehrenbreitstein with ramp on on mount proper, debriused by a bendlet argent bearing two ribbons of the field and azure with seventeen mullets of the last. A sinister canton bendy of eight ermine and of the field.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, or and gules, a mount argent garnished vert, bearing a linden leaf proper charged with a fleur-de-lis argent.

Motto: In Time of Peace Prepare for War

Symbolism: The field of the shield is red, the artillery color. The principal charge is the castle of Ehrenbreitstein debriused by a bendlet carrying the American colors and seventeen stars, to signify the occupation of the castle by the 17th Field Artillery. The canton alludes to the arms of the 8th Field Artillery from which men were transferred to organize the 17th Field Artillery.

The crest commemorates the two most noteworthy battle incidents. The white mountain is for Blanc Mont. The leaf is taken from Verte Feuille Farm, one of the positions occupied by the regiment in the Soissons offensive: the linden leaf was chosen as being very common in that region. The fleur-de-lis is from the arms of Soissons.

Distinctive Insignia

The distinctive insignia is the shield of the coat of arms.



GLOSSARY:

Azure

– of a sky blue color

(flexible or resilient)	Canton (or canton bendy) – a square area in the right hand corner
the 12 th Century	Ehrebreitstein Castle – a fortress in Coblenz, Germany built in
	Ermine – a old world weasel.
3 petals or floral segments of an	Fleur-de-lis – a heraldic device somewhat resembling iris tied by a encircling band
	Gules – the color of red
T.americans or T.europaea, having fragrant leavers, grown as a ornamental or	Linden – any tree of the genus Tilia-as yellowish-white flowers, heart shaped shade tree.
	Mont Blanc – (Blanc Mont.) Mountain in SW Europe on the boundary between France and Italy, the highest peak of the Alps 15,781 ft.
unless a greater number is required	Mullets – star like charge having five points
River, battles A.D. 486, 1918,	Soissons – a city in northern France on the Aisine 1944
	Vert – the tincture or the color green