

## 44<sup>TH</sup> AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY REGIMENT



**DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA**



**COAT OF ARMS**

**Distinctive Unit Insignia. Description:** A gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) consisting shield, crest and motto of the coat of arms.

**Symbolism:** The shield is red for Artillery with a gold bend from the arms of Lorraine, cottised potenté counterpotenté as in the arms of Champagne. The units of this organization changed designation five times from 1917 to 1918. They were part of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Provisional Regiment, C.A.C.; part of the 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Artillery, C.A.C.; and were organized as a unit called the Howitzer Regiment, 30<sup>th</sup> Artillery Brigade, C.A.C.; later designated the 81<sup>st</sup> Artillery, C.A.C.; and changed to the 44<sup>th</sup> Artillery, C.A.C. The variegated chameleon alludes to this fact. The double quatrefoil with the chameleon is an anagram of the figures "44" and "81"; the chameleon divides the figures into two fours and the full number of projections with the chameleon gives eight-one.

**Background:** The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 44<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery Regiment on 1 February 1937. It was redesignated for the 54<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery Regiment on 13 March 1941. The insignia was redesignated for the 54<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion on 22 July 1954. It was redesignated for the 44<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment on 31 December 1958. Effective 1 September 1971, the insignia was redesignated for the 44<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Regiment.

### Coat of Arms.

#### Blazon:

**Shield:** Gules, a bend double cottised potenté counterpotenté Or.

**Crest:** On a wreath of the colors Or and Gules, a double quatrefoil Or charged with a chameleon displayed paleways barry of four Gules and Vert.

**Motto:** PER ARDUA (Through Difficulties).

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**Background:** The coat of arms was originally approved for the 44<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery Regiment on 2 March 1929. It was amended to correct the blazon of the shield on 23 May 1936. It was redesignated for the 54<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery Regiment on 11 March 1941. The insignia was redesignated for the 54<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion on 22 July 1954. It was redesignated for the 44<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment on 31 December 1958. Effective 1 September 1971, the insignia was redesignated for the 44<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Regiment.