

# 81<sup>ST</sup> ARMOR REGIMENT



The gold of the shield is the color for Armor. The fleurs-de-lis symbolize the organization's Normandy and Northern France campaigns. The chevron "in point embowed" recalls the Battle of the Bulge, the Ardennes-Alsace campaign. The key, symbolic of the Rhineland campaign, emphasizes its important successes. It represents the "Key to Victory" in Europe. The battle-axe, a favorite Teutonic weapon and heraldic charge throughout the entire medieval period, signifies the Central Europe campaign. The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 81<sup>st</sup> Medium Tank Battalion April 18, 1953. It was amended to correct the spelling of the Latin motto April 19, 1954. The insignia was redesignated for the 81<sup>st</sup> Armor Regiment on Jan. 31, 1962.