

The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 3rd Cavalry Regiment Nov. 25, 1922. It was amended to revise the description Jan. 5, 1923. The insignia was redesignated for the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment Dec. 18, 1951. The green and yellow (gold) trumpet refers to the organization of the regiment in 1846 as the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, with uniform facings of green and insignia consisting of a gold trumpet. The words "Brave Rifles" are from the accolade given the regiment by GEN Winfield Scott, commanding general of the Army, for its action at Chapultepec during the Mexican War. The regimental motto, "Blood and Steel," was derived from the same accolade ("Brave Rifles! Veterans! You have been baptized in fire and blood and have come out steel.")