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75th Ranger Regiment

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1st Battalion; A Brief History

In January 1974, Gen. Creighton Abrams, then Chief of Staff of the Army, ordered the formation of the modern-day Ranger battalions. The 1st Ranger Battalion was subsequently activated on August 20, 1974 at Fort Stewart, Ga. In 1978 the battalion moved to its current headquarters at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

The activation of the 75th Ranger Regiment on October 3, 1984 brought the 1st, 2nd, and newly activated 3rd Ranger Battalions under one, unified Ranger command. This was the first time since Darby's Rangers in World War II that a unified command of Ranger battalions existed.

Over the past 30 years, Rangers from 1st Battalion have participated in operations in Iran, Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm.

Since the advent of the Global War on Terror, the 75th Ranger Regiment has conducted combat operations with special operations, conventional and coalition forces during both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Throughout this period, the Rangers have continued to train in the U.S. and overseas to prepare for future no-notice, worldwide, combat deployments. The Regiment also continues to recruit, assess and train the next generation of Rangers and Ranger leadership.