



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY**

9325 GUNSTON ROAD, ROOM S112  
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA 22060-5579

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

TAPC-PDH-H (840-10a)

31 AUG 1998

**MEMORANDUM FOR** Commander, 642d Support Battalion, New York Army National Guard

**SUBJECT:** Coat of Arms for the 642d Support Battalion, New York Army National Guard

1. The coat of arms authorized this date with revised symbolism for the 642d Support Battalion was:

a. Originally approved for the 742d Ordnance Battalion, New York National Guard, by letter QMGRH 424.2 & 421.4, The Quartermaster General, 22 October 1953.

b. Redesignated for the 42d Maintenance Battalion, New York Army National Guard, by letter AGAH-A, The Institute of Heraldry, 21 June 1967.

c. The previously designated 642d Support Battalion was inactivated. Although, the previously designated 642d Support Battalion has no lineal connection, the existing 642d Support Battalion has elements of the former unit. Because of this relation, the coat of arms authorized has been authorized to the currently designated unit.

2. The blazon and symbolism of the design are as follows:

**BLAZON**

**SHIELD:** Gules (Crimson), a lion rampant armed and langued Azure and in chief a key fesswise all Or.

**CREST:** That for the regiments and separate battalions of the New York Army National Guard: From a wreath Or and Crimson, the full rigged ship "Half Moon" all Proper.

**MOTTO:** SERVITIUM (Service).

**SYMBOLISM**

The symbolism is based on the lineage and honors of the previous unit of the same designation. Crimson and yellow are the colors traditionally associated with Ordnance, the predecessor organization. The key symbolizes the Rhineland campaign. The key was a familiar charge in the corporate arms of the towns of Rheinprovinz, the province in which the Rhine River crossing was made, the Siegfried line breached, and geographically containing the active area of the campaign. The successes of that campaign were so important that the charge might be termed the "key to victory" in Europe. The gold lion



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AAHS-IHS (840-10a)

John L. ...

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 642d Support Battalion

SUBJECT: Distinctive Unit Insignia for the 642d Support Battalion, New York Army National Guard

1. The distinctive unit insignia (DUI) of the 642d Support Battalion is amended this date to correct the description, was:

a. **Originally approved** for the 742d Ordnance Battalion by letter QMGRH 424.2 & 421, The Quartermaster General, 22 October 1953.

b. **Redesignated** for the 42d Maintenance Battalion by letter AGAH-A, The Institute of Heraldry, 21 June 1967.

c. **Redesignated** for the 642d Support Battalion by letter TAPC-PDH-R, The Institute of Heraldry, 18 October 1991.

d. **Authorized** for the current 642d Support Battalion (The previously designated 642d Support Battalion was inactivated. Although it has no lineal connection to the current 642d Support Battalion, the current unit has elements of the former unit. Because of this, the insignia authorized for the previous Battalion has been authorized for the current Battalion) and amended to revise the symbolism by letter TAPC-PDH-H, The Institute of Heraldry, 31 August 1998.

2. The description and symbolism of the design are as follows:

#### DESCRIPTION

A Gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall consisting of a shield blazoned: Gules (Crimson), a lion rampant armed and langued Azure and in chief a key fesswise all Or. Attached below the shield is a Gold scroll inscribed "SERVITIUM" in Blue letters.


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3. This authorization is in accordance with AR 670-1. A copy of this letter will become part of your permanent organizational history files.

  
CHARLES V. MUGNO  
Director

CF: CMH

CREST: New York Nat'l. Guard

WREATH: Or and crimson

MOTTO: Servitium



*REDESIGNATED & SUPERSEDED BY NEW PTG 5-6-2038 DTL  
JULY 1967*

COAT OF ARMS FOR STANDARD OF  
742<sup>ND</sup> ORDNANCE  
FULL SIZE

REFERENCE: Q.M. DRAWING No. 5-6-2038



**COAT OF ARMS  
642D SUPPORT BATTALION  
NEW YORK ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**



# COAT OF ARMS

642d SUPPORT BATTALION





642d SUPPORT BATTALION  
NEW YORK ARMY N.G.

ACTUAL SIZE  $\frac{1\frac{1}{8}}{8} - \frac{1}{64}$

METAL COLOR---GOLD

FINISH-----MIRROR-LIKE POLISH

SHIELD-----

ENAMEL---VITREOUS OPAQUE

CHARGES---FLUSH---DETAILS, INCISED

LETTERING-----VITREOUS OPAQUE ENAMEL (BLUE 18)

PIERCING-----BETWEEN SHIELD & SCROLL

CHIP NO.-----RED #1 · BLUE #18

DESIGN ORIGINALLY APPROVED 22 OCT 1953  
MANUFACTURING DRAWING APPROVED  
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18 OCT 1991

*Gerald T. Luchino*  
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