Lineage and Honors
3d Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment

The 3d squadron 16th Cavalry Regiment was constituted on 1 July 1916 in the Regular Army as Troop C, 16th Cavalry and organized on 14 July 1916 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The unit was later inactivated on 12 November 1921 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The unit was re-designated on 15 June 1942 as Troop C, 16th Cavalry Mechanized and activated at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. The unit was re-organized and Re-designated on 22 December 1943 as Troop C, 19th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized.

The unit was later inactivated on 10 November 1945 at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. The unit was absorbed on 1 August 1946 by Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 19th Armored Cavalry Group Mechanized. The unit was later re-designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 19th Cavalry Group on 1 August 1946 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The unit was re-designated on 2 January 1953 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Armored Cavalry Group in Germany. The unit was re-designated on 1 October 1953 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Armored Cavalry Group. The unit was later inactivated on 1 July 1955 in Germany. The unit was later consolidated on 2 July 1955 in Germany with Headquarters and Headquarters Company 16th Armored Group.

The former Troop C, 19th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized was reconstituted on 1 March 1957 in the Regular Army as Troop C, 16th Cavalry. The unit was activated on 20 March 1970 in Vietnam. The unit was later inactivated on 26 February 1973 in Vietnam.

The unit was re-designated on 8 December 1992 as Headquarters, 3d Squadron 16th Cavalry and concurrently transferred to the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command and activated at Fort Knox, Kentucky. On 20 June 2011 the unit was moved to Fort Benning Georgia, as part of the 316th Cavalry Brigade assigned to the Maneuver Center of Excellence.

The unit campaign participation in World War II includes “Rhineland” and “Central Europe.” The unit campaign participation in Vietnam includes the “Winter-Spring 1970,” “Sanctuary Counteroffensive,” “Counter-Offensive Phase VII,” “Consolidation I,” “Consolidation II,” and “Cease-Fire.”

The unit decorations include the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Army Superior Unit Award.