The 101st Cavalry Regiment’s distinctive unit insignia was approved in 1963. Three gold, interlaced chevrons are displayed on the azure body of the shield. The three chevrons represent the three occasions on which the organization had been in federal service at that time: the Spanish-American War (Puerto Rico), 1898; the Mexican Border, 1916-17; and World War I, 1917-19. On the gold upper third of the shield, a falcon, portrayed in natural colors, stands with wings folded. The falcon signifies readiness for high employment, though normally at rest, a relevant symbol for the National Guard. In addition, the falcon is associated with courage, speed, mobility and impetuosity of attack.