The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 9th Cavalry Regiment Oct. 22, 1925. It was redesignated for the 509th Tank Battalion May 23, 1951. It was amended to change the symbolism July 31, 1951. The insignia was redesignated for the 9th Cavalry Regiment Oct. 1, 1958. The five-bastioned fort was the badge of the Fifth Army Corps in Cuba, of which the 9th Cavalry was a part. The yellow outline is for the Cavalry, and the blue for active service in the Spanish-American War. The mounted Indian represents the Indian campaigns of the regiment.