The principal colors of the shield are those of Armor. The dragon is represented as a strong and fierce animal covered with invulnerable plates of mail, and in heraldry is properly applied to the overthrow of a vicious enemy. The fleur-de-lis charged on the wing symbolizes the organization’s campaigns in Europe and the three blue roundels represent its Korean operations: United Nations Defensive, United Nations Offensive and Chinese Communist Forces Intervention. The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for 72nd Tank Battalion Jan. 8, 1952. It was redesignated for 72nd Armor Regiment March 28, 1963.