The colors, green and yellow, are those of armor. The spear, black on gold, represents cavalry descent. The five fleurs-de-lis are the traditional symbols of European battle honors and represent the unit’s World War II campaigns. The indented diagonal band represents a path between hostile lines, symbolizing the primary functions of a reconnaissance unit. The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for 38th Reconnaissance Battalion Aug. 24, 1951. It was redesignated for 38th Cavalry Regiment, with the description and symbolism updated July 24, 2008.