

The shield is divided into red, blue and gold because these are the colors of the shoulder-sleeve insignia of the armored tank forces. The lightning bolt is symbolic of the striking power of the organization. The unit was activated June 1, 1941, at Fort Lewis, WA; inactivated Feb. 8, 1946, at Camp Kilmer, NJ; and reactivated Aug. 1, 1948, at Fort Benning, GA. The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for 756th Tank Battalion (Light) May 15, 1942. It was redesignated for 756th Tank Battalion Nov. 22, 1943. The insignia was redesignated for 73rd Tank Battalion Oct. 12, 1953. It was redesignated for 73rd Armor March 19, 1963. It was redesignated effective Feb. 25, 2004, for 73rd Cavalry Regiment.