

Chronology of the Grand Rapids Guard

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12 July 1855 - Organized as the Grand Rapids Light Guard and Grand Rapids Artillery companies

Later in 1855 - The Ringgold's Light Artillery Company is organized

November 1857 - Called out by the Kent County sheriff to quell a labor riot in Lowell

1857 - Consolidated and organized as First "Grand River" Battalion, Fifty-first Regiment Uniformed Michigan Militia, Sixteenth Brigade, Eighth Division

1859 -The Grand Rapids Rifles company is organized

10 June 1861 - Consolidated and organized as the Third Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment for Civil War service

1865–1871 - Organized as various independent militia companies

27 June 1872 - Organized as the Grand Rapids Guard company

8 September 1873 - Called out to aid civil authorities at Muskegon County Jail

23 March 1874 - Called out to aid civil authorities at Greenville (Flat River labor riots)

6 July 1874 - Consolidated and organized as Second Infantry Regiment, Michigan State Troops (with regimental headquarters and Company B located in Grand Rapids)

31 December 1894 - Redesignated as Second Infantry Regiment, Michigan National Guard

1897 - Grand Rapids companies consolidated as the Grand Rapids Battalion in the Clark Building armory

11 May 1898 - Reorganized and redesignated as Thirty-second Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment for service in the war with Spain

10 July 1899 - Redesignated as Second Infantry Regiment, Michigan National Guard

27 July 1910 - Called out to aid civil authorities in Durand railroad strike

24 July 1913 - Called out to aid civil authorities in Houghton copper mine strike

22 April 1915 - Redesignated as Thirty-second Infantry, Michigan National Guard

19 June 1916 - Redesignated as Thirty-second Infantry Regiment for service on the Mexican Border

15 July 1917 - Mobilized for service in the First World War

19 September 1917 - Reorganized and redesignated as the 126th Infantry Regiment, Thirty-second Division (Michigan and Wisconsin)

10 June 1921 - Reorganized as the 126th Infantry, Thirty-second Division

12 January 1937 - Called out to aid civil authorities in Flint sit-down strike

15 October 1940 - Ordered to Active Federal Service for twelve months training

7 December 1941 - Service in the Second World War

1 February 1942 - Redesignated 126th Infantry, Thirty-second Infantry Division

31 May 1946 - Reorganized as a regiment of Infantry, Forty-sixth Infantry Division

20 December 1946 - Federally recognized as 126th Infantry, Forty-sixth Infantry Division (Iron Fist)

3 April 1956 - Called out to aid civil authorities in Hudsonville tornado

May 1956 – Forty-sixth Division Band relocated to Grand Rapids

15 March 1959 - Reorganized as First and Second Battle Groups, 126th Infantry CARS, Forty-sixth Infantry Division

15 March 1963 - Reorganized as First, Second, and Third battalions, 126th Infantry; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Second Brigade; and Division Band, Forty-sixth Infantry Division

3 June 1964 - 126th awarded the traditional designation of “SECOND MICHIGAN” by secretary of the army

11 April 1965 - Called out to aid civil authorities in Palm Sunday tornado

15 November 1965 - Second Brigade and Third Battalion redesignated as Selected Reserve Force (SRF I)

31 August 1966 - Called out to aid civil authorities in Benton Harbor race riot

23 July 1967 - Called out to aid civil authorities in Detroit race riot

24 July 1967 - Ordered to Active Federal duty for service in the Detroit race riots

1 February 1968 - Reorganized as Third Battalion 126th Infantry, Forty-sixth Brigade, and separate elements of the Thirty-eighth Infantry Division, and the 126th Army Band

5 April 1968 - Called out to aid civil authorities in Detroit (Dr. Martin Luther King assassination)

1 March 1977 - Reorganized as Third Battalion 126th Infantry; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Forty-sixth Brigade, Thirty-eighth Infantry Division; 507th Engineer Battalion; 1432d Engineer Company; Det. 1 207th Mobile Support Hospital (MASH); and 126th Army Band

24 January 1978 - Called out to aid civil authorities in Operation Blizzard '78

November 1990 - Detachment 1, 207th Combat Support Hospital is mobilized and deployed to Saudi Arabia for Persian Gulf War

1992 - Detachment 1, 207th CSH deactivated

July 1995 - Third Battalion 126th Infantry (AASLT) deployed to JOTC in Panama for jungle warfare training

July 1996 - Third Battalion 126th Infantry deployed for security duty at Atlanta International Olympic Games

1996 - Third Battalion 126th Infantry elements deployed to Latvia for Baltic Challenge '96

1 October 1998 – Reorganized as Third Battalion 126th Infantry; First Battalion 246th Armor; Forty-sixth Brigade, Thirty-eighth Infantry Division (Mechanized); 507th Engineer Battalion; 1432^d Engineer Company; Company D, 125th Infantry; Det 1 HHB 1st Battalion; 119th Field Artillery; and the 126th Army Band

1 October 1999 - Third Battalion 126th Infantry (AASLT) reorganized and redesignated as First Battalion 126th Armor (M1A1); First Battalion 246th Armor is deactivated

11 September 2001 - Terrorists attack the United States; members of the Grand Rapids Guard are placed on active duty in support of Homeland Security at Michigan airports and military installations

October 2002 - HHD 507th Engineers is relocated at Camp Grayling; 1432nd Engineer Company is reorganized and redesignated as the 1462nd Transportation Company

1 October 2004 - HHC Forty-sixth “Wolverine” Brigade is deactivated