

2d Cavalry Regiment Fact Sheet

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The 2d Cavalry Regiment (Dragoons) is a U.S. Army brigade combat team, headquartered on Rose Barracks in Vilseck, Germany.

Founded in 1836, the regiment has the distinction of being the "Longest Active Serving Cavalry Regiment in the United States Army." Today, the regiment is a modern, rapidly-deployable self-sustaining force with a proven record of providing decisive land power and contingency response capabilities to combatant commanders.

The regiment consists of approximately 5,000 Dragoon Soldiers in seven subordinate squadrons. The unit's 1st, 2d and 3rd Squadrons are mounted infantry units equipped with the highly mobile, net-centric Stryker vehicle. The 4th Squadron provides the regiment with reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition capability, and the Field Artillery Squadron provides 2CR with organic fires and artillery support. The Regimental Support Squadron provides combat services support, while the Regimental Engineer Squadron focuses on assured mobility, counter-mobility, general engineering, and survivability support.

2CR resumed its role as the lead element for the multinational Battle Group-Poland rotation in January 2020 to support NATO's eFP initiative. Currently, the 1st Squadron, 2CR has assumed responsibility for BG-P.

2CR is responsible for providing the United States framework unit to NATO's enhanced Forward Presence initiative in Poland to deter current and potential adversaries and protect the NATO Alliance if asked to do so.

2CR recently participated in Dragoon Ready 2021. DR21 is a 7th Army Training Command-led exercise designed to ensure readiness and certify 2CR in NATO combat readiness and unified land operations, strengthening alliances and delivering more effective coalition operations essential to a safe and secure environment.

2CR maintains its readiness by conducting full-spectrum training, with a focus on building and maintaining essential military relationships with allied and partnered nations. As with all U.S. Army Europe and Africa assets, 2CR is always prepared to provide ready and flexible forces to the U.S. European and African Command and, as ordered, to other combatant commanders.