

40th Field Artillery Heraldic Items



COAT OF ARMS

Shield: Gules, a dexter arm embowed in armor, the upper part in fess grasping a Lochaber axe fesswise or.

Red, a right arm arched in armor, the upper arm horizontally centered on the shield grasping a gold colored Lochaber axe in a horizontal position.

Crest: On a wreath of the colors, or and gules, in front of a mound vert a fleur-de-lis azure within a chain of five broken links forming an oval opened at the top of the first.

Positioned on top of a gold and red curled crown, and in front of a green mound, is a blue fleur-de-lis within a chain of five broken links forming an oval which is open at the top.

Motto: All for One.

Symbolism: The shield is red for artillery. The arm in striking position signifies the readiness of the organization. The five broken chain links symbolize the unit's five World War II battle honors. The fleur-de-lis refers to the area of Europe where it fought in World War II. The color green alludes to hope and liberation. The gold color of the arm and Lochaber ax represents the color of a king, in this case, the King of Battle, and hence challenges the King's men, the field artilleryman, to live up to the kingly standards of prowess and virtue.