

= 3rd Sustainment Brigade ( United States ) =

The 3rd Sustainment Brigade is a sustainment brigade of the United States Army headquartered at Fort Stewart , Georgia . The 3rd Sustainment Brigade is responsible for providing logistical support to the 3rd Infantry Division , however the modular nature of the brigade means that it takes on other roles while deployed . Personnel serving under this brigade wear the Shoulder Sleeve Insignia exclusive to this brigade , rather than the insignia designated for the 3rd Infantry Division .

Though its lineage dates back to 1957 , the unit was not designated as a separate unit until 2005 . The 3rd Sustainment Brigade has served three tours in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom , its first tour being the initial invasion and securing of the country , followed by a second tour of duty as logistics support for units around Baghdad , and finally as the multinational division supply lines in the northern division of the country .

The Brigade left for a planned nine @-@ month deployment to Afghanistan in late November 2012 .

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The 3rd Sustainment Brigade has a permanent organization of two attached battalions , however this number can be changed when the unit is deployed in a theater of operations . These permanent attachments include the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion , and a Special Troops Battalion . The units are headquartered at Fort Stewart . Georgia , along with the brigade 's Headquarters and Headquarters Company . Under non @-@ deployment circumstances , the HHC of the Brigade would , in turn , be directly subordinate to the 3rd Infantry Division .

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The unit was constituted 1 July 1957 in the regular army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment , 3rd Infantry Division Trains , and activated at Fort Benning , Georgia . On 20 March 1963 , the unit was consolidated with the 3rd Infantry Division Band , which has previously been organized in 1943 as the band , 3rd Infantry Division . On 15 March 1968 , the unit was re @-@ organized and re @-@ designed as Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band , 3rd Infantry Division Support Command . On 21 May 1972 , the unit was re @-@ organized and re @-@ designed as Headquarters and Headquarters Company , 3rd Infantry Division Support Command . It was deployed to as part of the Cold War buildup , should hostilities arise in the region with the Soviet Union . Though the unit was placed on alert constantly , it never saw action during its time in the region , which lasted from its activation until 1991 .

In the fall of 2002 , the Division Support Command deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I , earning the Presidential Unit Citation along with the rest of the 3rd Infantry Division . The Brigade and its division had spearheaded the invasion into the nation of Iraq , supporting the four brigades as they pushed through southern Iraq and into the capital of Baghdad . After the initial invasion and capture of Baghdad , the brigade remained in the city , supporting the 3rd Infantry Division as the unit conducted counterinsurgency and infrastructure activities in the area . It returned home to Fort Stewart in August 2003 .

The Division Support Command was renamed the Division Support Brigade and deployed to Iraq in the fall of 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III , leading coalition troops in control of the Baghdad area . Under Multinational Division , Baghdad . It returned home again in January 2006 . The Division Support Brigade was reorganized as the 3rd Support Brigade on 15 June 2005 , and re @-@ designated as the 3rd Sustainment Brigade on 21 April 2006 .

In 2007 , the Brigade saw its third deployment to Iraq during the Iraq War , relieving the 45th Sustainment Brigade of its areas of responsibility of Multinational Division , North , comprising over a dozen Forward Operating Bases . The Brigade deployed to Iraq in fall of 2007 following the Brigade Combat Teams and aviation brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division , however , for this deployment , the unit did not support the Division directly , as its mission in Multinational Division , North covered

facilities management , not unit logistics . Brigade projects focused on building infrastructure throughout northern Iraq . The brigade served a total of 15 months in the country , headquartered at Contingency Operating Base Q @-@ West in Northern Iraq under the command of the 316th Expeditionary Support Command . It was relieved during a change of command ceremony on 9 August 2008 , at which time it returned to Fort Stewart . It was replaced by the 16th Sustainment Brigade . Since its return , the brigade participated in an intramural soccer tournament at Fort Benning , something many of its members enjoyed doing , even while deployed .

In late November 2012 the Brigade deployed to Afghanistan for its first tour in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan .

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