

ENGINEER REGIMENTAL CREST



The Engineer Regimental Crest reflects the history and traditions of the Corps of Engineers. The turreted castle has been used by the Corps since 1840. It had been used on the uniforms of the Corps of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy prior to that. The Military Academy was under the control of the Corps of Engineers from 1802 to 1866

The castle symbolizes the classical role of Engineers as those who build fortifications and who breach their walls. The current design and color of the castle was adopted in 1924.

Scarlet on the shield represents the shared heritage with the Artillery. From 1794 to 1802, the Engineers were part of the Corps of Artillerists and Engineers in the nation's new Army. White is the traditional color of the Infantry. White on the shield represents the Engineers' second role of fighting as Infantry. Scarlet and white were adopted as the colors of the Corps of Engineers in 1872.

The motto of the Corps of Engineers is "Essayons". It is a French term which means "Let us strive", "Let us try". The adoption of the term reflects the contribution of French Engineers to the Nation's struggle for independence and the influence of French Engineers on the early development of the Corps.