

196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) History

The original parent unit of today's 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) was organized in 1884 as the 2nd Regiment, Dakota Territory and was re-designated on 9 September 1893 as the 1st Regiment, South Dakota National Guard.

The 196th was organized as a regimental combat team in South Dakota on September 22, 1946 and commanded by Colonel Kenneth R. Scurr. The regiment was composed of the 196th Infantry Regiment (which was recently re-designated on 24 June 1946 from the 132nd Combat Engineer Battalion), the 147th Field Artillery Battalion, and the 200th Engineer Company.

The formation of the 196th Regiment carried with it the lineage and honors of previous service and sacrifice to and for our nation under various unit designations. Campaign streamers for the 196th Regiment include the following:

Philippine Insurrection:

Manila
Malolos

World War I:

Lorraine
Alsace
Aise-Marne
Champagne
Oise-Aisne
Meuse-Argonne

World War II

Western Pacific
Leyte

The 196th Regimental Combat Team's first annual training was held at a Camp Rapid, SD, in 1948.

In 1950, the regiment would deploy to Alaska in response to the conflict in Korea. Although the unit colors never set foot on Korean soil, numerous officers

and Soldiers from the regiment were levied from the unit and sent overseas to lead and fight. The unit was deactivated on 14 September 1956.

In 1986, the regimental colors were uncased and the unit reactivated as the 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) at Fort Meade, South Dakota. Since 1986, the unit has transformed until 2008 when its organization was made to what it is today. The regiment provides the mission command structure for its two battalions; 1st Battalion (Officer Candidate School) at Fort Meade and 2nd Battalion (Modular Training) in Sioux Falls.

Today, the regiment provides regionalized combat arms, leadership, initial entry, additional skill identifier, Noncommissioned Officer Education System, and general studies training for the Army National Guard, United States Army Reserve, and the active component at various training locations throughout the state and nation to increase training readiness levels of units throughout the Department of Defense. More than 2,000 Soldiers fill the ranks of the regiment each year – either as students, cadre, or support staff.

The 196th Regiment Motto remains to be *Nunc et Semper*- Now and Always!