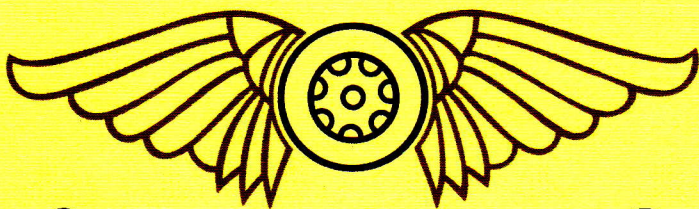


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■ About the patch



Since 1972, the Alabama State Troopers have proudly displayed Alabama's Coat-of-Arms on their shoulder patch.

The beginning of the 1970s marked a new look for Alabama's State Troopers with a new patch designed by the Department of Public Safety.

Alabama's important role in our nation's history makes the patch most appropriate. It features a reproduction of Alabama's Coat-of-Arms, which was officially adopted by the Legislature in 1939.

The Coat-of-Arms consists of a shield on which appear the emblems of the five governments that have held sovereignty over Alabama, either in whole or in part, for 400 years — Spain, France, Great Britain, the United States, the Confederacy, and again the United States. This shield is supported on both sides by eagles, symbols of courage. The crest is a model of the ship in which Iberville and Bienville sailed to our country from France and settled the first Colony of Europeans in the Mobile Country in 1699. The ship is significant also of the fact that Alabama is a maritime state.

The motto beneath the shield in Latin is "Audemus jura nostra defendere" which means "We Dare Defend Our Rights."



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