



# LINEAGE OF

## MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 165

1965 – 1989

ACTIVATED 1 JULY 1965 AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 165,  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1965 TO MARINE WING SERVICE GROUP 37

DEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1966 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, OCTOBER 1966 – AUGUST 1969,  
OPERATING FROM

KY HA  
HUE/PHU BAI  
USS VALLEY FORGE  
USS TRIPOLI  
MARBLE MOUNTAIN

REDEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1969 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15, 9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE

REASSIGNED DURING DECEMBER 1969 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

PARTICIPATED IN PHILIPPINE FLOOD RELIEF, JULY-AUGUST 1972

PARTICIPATED AS PART OF THE SPECIAL LANDING FORCE IN SUPPORT OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM, AND WITH  
THE 31ST MARINE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT WITH THE SEVENTH FLEET DURING THE 1970s

PARTICIPATED IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS, APRIL 1975

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1977 TO KANEOHE BAY, HAWAII, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 24, 1ST MARINE BRIGADE

PARTICIPATED AS AFLOAT SUPPORT TO THE MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE,  
LEBANON, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1983

1990 – 2008

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA,  
AUGUST 1990 – MARCH 1991

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN JOINT TASK FORCE FULL ACCOUNTING, CAMBODIA,  
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1992 AND MARCH-APRIL 1993

REASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1994 TO 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING AVIATION SUPPORT ELEMENT

RELOCATED DURING MAY 1996 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1998 TO MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION STABILISE, EAST TIMOR, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1999

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, DECEMBER 2001 – JUNE 2002

DEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 2003 TO ARABIAN GULF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-JULY 2003, FEBRUARY-APRIL 2005 AND  
NOVEMBER 2006 – APRIL 2007

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, INDONESIA, IN RESPONSE TO TSUNAMI DISASTER,  
FEBRUARY-APRIL 2005

12 SEPTEMBER 2008

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COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

# United States Marine Corps



## HONORS

### AWARDED

#### MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 165

##### PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM  
1966 – 1967  
1968

IRAQ  
2003

##### NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM  
1968  
1968  
1968 – 1969  
1972

SOUTHWEST ASIA  
1990 – 1991

##### MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

VIETNAM  
1973  
1975

LEBANON  
1983

1989 – 1990  
1999

INDONESIA  
2005

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER  
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS  
VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS  
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS  
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER  
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR  
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS  
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER  
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER  
VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER  
PHILIPPINE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

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