

United States Marine Corps



LINEAGE OF

3D BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

1940 – 1946

ACTIVATED 1 NOVEMBER 1940 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS 3D BATTALION, 8TH MARINES,
AND ASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE BRIGADE

2D MARINE BRIGADE REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1941 AS 2D MARINE DIVISION

REASSIGNED DURING DECEMBER 1941 TO 2D MARINE BRIGADE, 2D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1942 TO AMERICAN SAMOA AND DETACHED FROM
2D MARINE DIVISION

DETACHED DURING OCTOBER 1942 FROM 2D MARINE BRIGADE

ASSIGNED DURING FEBRUARY 1943 TO 2D MARINE DIVISION

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUADALCANAL
TARAWA
SAIPAN
TINIAN
OKINAWA

DEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1945 TO NAGASAKI, JAPAN

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN, SEPTEMBER 1945 – FEBRUARY 1946

RELOCATED DURING FEBRUARY-MARCH 1946 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 26 MARCH 1946

1951 – 1995

REACTIVATED 15 JANUARY 1951 AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, AS
3D BATTALION, 8TH MARINES AND ASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED AT VARIOUS TIMES FROM THE 1950s TO 1980s TO THE MEDITERRANEAN,
CARIBBEAN, AND NORTH ATLANTIC AREAS

PARTICIPATED IN THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1962

PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERVENTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FEBRUARY 1966

PARTICIPATED AS PART OF THE MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN LEBANON,
OCTOBER 1982 – FEBRUARY 1983

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SHARP EDGE, LIBERIA, AUGUST 1990 – JANUARY 1991

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, IRAQ, JULY 1991

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DENY FLIGHT, BOSNIA, APRIL-SEPTEMBER 1995

1996 – 2009

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ASSURED RESPONSE, LIBERIA, JUNE-AUGUST 1996

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION QUICK RESPONSE, CENTRAL AFRICIAN REPUBLIC, JUNE 1996

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, HAITI, FEBRUARY-MAY 1998

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SHINING HOPE, ALBANIA, APRIL-JUNE 1999

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION NOBLE ANVIL AND JOINT GUARDIAN, KOSOVO, JUNE-JULY 1999

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION AVID RESPONSE, TURKEY, SEPTEMBER 1999

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION EASTERN ACCESS, PUERTO RICO, MAY 2000

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN,
DECEMBER 2001 – SEPTEMBER 2002

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SECURE TOMORROW, HAITI, MARCH-JUNE 2004

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, JANUARY-AUGUST 2005
AND MARCH-OCTOBER 2006

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, OCTOBER 2008 – MAY 2009

21 MAY 2010

DATE


COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

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HONORS

AWARDED

3D BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II
GUADALCANAL - 1942
TARAWA - 1943
OKINAWA - 1945

JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD STREAMER

LIBERIA
1996

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

LEBANON
1982 - 1983

BOSNIA
1995

KOSOVO
1999

2002 - 2003

HAITI
2004

IRAQ
2005
2006

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

**LEBANON
1984**

**TURKEY
1999**

2001 – 2002

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH "ASIA" AND "EUROPE"

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

KOSOVO CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

AFHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

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