

# United States Marine Corps



## LINEAGE

OF

### III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

1942 – 1946

ACTIVATED 1 OCTOBER 1942 AT CAMP ELLIOTT, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS I MARINE AMPHIBIOUS CORPS

DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1942 TO NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA

REDESIGNATED 15 APRIL 1944 AS III AMPHIBIOUS CORPS

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

BOUGAINVILLE  
NORTHERN SOLOMONS  
GUAM  
PALAU ARCHIPELAGO  
OKINAWA

REDEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1945 TO TIENTSIN, CHINA

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF NORTH CHINA, SEPTEMBER 1945 – JUNE 1946

DEACTIVATED 10 JUNE 1946

1965 – 1987

REACTIVATED 6 MAY 1965 AT DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AS III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

REDESIGNATED 7 MAY 1965 AS III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, MAY 1965 – APRIL 1971,  
OPERATING FROM

QUANG TRI  
THUA THIEN  
QUANG NAM  
QUANG TIN  
QUANG NGAI

DEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1971 TO CAMP COURTNEY, OKINAWA

1988 – 2006

REDESIGNATED 5 FEBRUARY 1988 AS III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM,  
SOUTHWEST ASIA, SEPTEMBER 1990 – APRIL 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, IRAQ, MAY-JUNE 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA ANGEL, BANGLADESH, MAY-JUNE 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION FIERY VIGIL, PHILIPPINES, JUNE 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS RESTORE HOPE AND CONTINUE HOPE, SOMALIA,  
DECEMBER 1992 – MARCH 1994

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, 2001 – 2013

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, SOUTHEAST ASIA,  
DECEMBER 2004 – FEBRUARY 2005

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, PAKISTAN,  
IN RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE, OCTOBER 2005 – MARCH 2006

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, PHILIPPINES,  
IN RESPONSE TO FLOODING AND MUDSLIDES, MARCH-APRIL 2006

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, INDONESIA,  
IN RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE, MAY-JUNE 2006

2007 – 2015

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA ANGEL II, BANGLADESH, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2007

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION CARING RESPONSE, BURMA, MAY-JUNE 2008

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, PHILIPPINES,  
IN RESPONSE TO FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES, OCTOBER 2009

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION TOMODACHI, JAPAN, MARCH-APRIL 2011

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION DAMAYAN, PHILIPPINES, NOVEMBER 2013

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SAHAYOGI HAAT, NEPAL, APRIL-MAY 2015

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS,  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, IN RESPONSE TO TYPHOON SOUDELOR, AUGUST 2015

6 JUNE 2016

DATE

  
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS



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AWARDED

### III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM

1965 – 1968

1968 – 1971

2001 – 2003

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

2004 – 2005

2008 – 2010

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

CHINA SERVICE STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER

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