

# United States Marine Corps



## LINEAGE OF

### MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 242

1943 – 1945

ACTIVATED 1 JULY 1943 AT EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AS  
MARINE TORPEDO BOMBING SQUADRON 242 AND ASSIGNED TO  
MARINE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 4, MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST

DEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1944 TO ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES, AND ASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11, MARINE AIR, SOUTH PACIFIC

REASSIGNED DURING JUNE 1944 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 21,  
4TH MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT WING

REASSIGNED DURING NOVEMBER 1944 TO 4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO  
IWO JIMA

REDEPLOYED DURING NOVEMBER 1945 TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 23 NOVEMBER 1945

1960 – 1965

REACTIVATED 1 OCTOBER 1960 AT CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, AS  
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 242 AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14,  
2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1962 TO KEY WEST, FLORIDA

REDEPLOYED DURING NOVEMBER 1962 TO CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1963 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN, AND ASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1964 TO CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

REDESIGNATED 1 OCTOBER 1964 AS MARINE ALL WEATHER ATTACK SQUADRON 242  
AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP

1966 – 1989

DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1966 TO DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM,  
AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, NOVEMBER 1966 – SEPTEMBER 1970

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1970 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 33, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REASSIGNED DURING DECEMBER 1970 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13

REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1987 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11

1990 – 2018

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM,  
AUGUST 1990 – APRIL 1991

REDESIGNATED 14 DECEMBER 1990 AS  
MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 242

RELOCATED DURING MARCH 1996 TO MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ,  
AUGUST 2004 – MARCH 2005 AND AUGUST 2006 – FEBRUARY 2007

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 2008 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

10 April 2019

DATE

  
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

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## HONORS

### AWARDED

#### MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 242

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM  
1966 - 1967

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM  
1967 - 1969

1990 - 1991  
2001 - 2003

IRAQ  
2004 - 2005  
2005  
2006 - 2007  
2007

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM  
1968 - 1969

1985 - 1986  
1999 - 2000  
2000 - 2002

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND 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

VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER

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