

# United States Marine Corps



## LINEAGE OF

### MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 121

1941 - 1945

ACTIVATED 24 JUNE 1941 AT QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, AS MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 121 AND ASSIGNED TO  
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP

REASSIGNED DURING 1941 TO THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11,  
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1941 TO 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING AND RELOCATED TO  
CAMP MITCHELL, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1941 TO QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, AND THEN TO  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 28 FEBRUARY 1942 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

REACTIVATED 1 MARCH 1942 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 121 AND ASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1942 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14,  
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1942 TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUADALCANAL  
SOUTHERN SOLOMONS  
NEW GEORGIA GROUP  
WESTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS

REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1943 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11

REASSIGNED DURING MAY 1943 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1943 TO SAN DIEGO AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE CORPS AIR BASE, KEARNEY MESA, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1943 TO MOJAVE, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 44, MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST

DEPLOYED DURING JULY 1944 TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIR, SOUTH PACIFIC

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1944 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11,  
2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REASSIGNED DURING DECEMBER 1944 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11,  
4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1945 TO MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1945 TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AND DEACTIVATED  
9 SEPTEMBER 1945

1946 - 1959

REACTIVATED 1 JULY 1946 AT GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS, AS MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 121 AND ASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIR RESERVE TRAINING COMMAND

REDESIGNATED 1 APRIL 1949 AS MARINE FIGHTER SQUADRON 121

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1951 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND RETURNED TO ACTIVE DUTY

REASSIGNED DURING APRIL 1951 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13,  
AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REDESIGNATED 15 MAY 1951 AS MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13,  
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1951 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13,  
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1951 TO KOREA AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 33, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

PARTICIPATED IN THE KOREAN WAR  
OPERATING FROM

EAST-CENTRAL FRONT  
WESTERN FRONT

REASSIGNED DURING MAY 1952 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1957 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1960 – 1965

REASSIGNED 22 JANUARY 1960 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1960 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1961 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1962 TO FLORIDA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS

DEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1964 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN, AND ASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1965 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 33, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1965 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15,  
3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1966 – 1969

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1966 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15,  
9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE

DEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1966 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN

REASSIGNED DURING DECEMBER 1966 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12,  
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING DECEMBER 1966 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN WAR IN VIETNAM, DECEMBER 1966 – JUNE 1967 AND SEPTEMBER 1967 – 1969  
OPERATING FROM

CHU LAI

DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1967 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15, 9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE

DEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1967 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12,  
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDESIGNATED 5 FEBRUARY 1969 AS MARINE ALL WEATHER ATTACK SQUADRON 121

RELOCATED DURING FEBRUARY 1969 TO CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14,  
2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1970 – 2014

RELOCATED DURING JUNE 1978 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND PERSIAN GULF AREAS, 1986 – 1989

REDESIGNATED 8 DECEMBER 1989 AS MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 121

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA, JANUARY-APRIL 1991

RELOCATED DURING JUNE 1994 TO MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQ, FEBRUARY-JUNE 2000

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, KYRGYZSTAN, FEBRUARY-JUNE 2002

DEPLOYED DURING JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2003 TO KUWAIT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-MAY 2003 AND  
FEBRUARY-SEPTEMBER 2007

RELOCATED 28 SEPTEMBER 2012 TO YUMA, ARIZONA

REDESIGNATED 20 NOVEMBER 2012 AS MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 121 AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13

28 APRIL 2015

DATE

  
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

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## HONORS

### AWARDED

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 121

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II  
SOLOMON ISLANDS - 1942

VIETNAM  
1966 - 1967

IRAQ  
2003

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II  
PELELIU - 1944 - 1945

KOREA  
1952 - 1953

VIETNAM  
1967 - 1968  
1968 - 1969

SOUTHWEST ASIA  
1990 - 1991

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

1980 - 1982  
1982 - 1983  
1986 - 1988  
1988 - 1989  
2000 - 2001  
2001 - 2002

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER  
ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR  
WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER  
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS  
KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR  
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER  
VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR  
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS  
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS  
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER  
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER  
KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER  
VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

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