



LINEAGE

OF
MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 251

1941 - 1945

ACTIVATED 1 DECEMBER 1941 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 251
AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 21, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
FLEET MARINE FORCE

DETACHED DURING APRIL 1942 FROM MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 21

DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1942 TO ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1942 TO THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
FLEET MARINE FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUADALCANAL
SOUTHERN SOLOMONS
NORTHERN SOLOMONS
SANTA CRUZ
LUZON
SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

RELOCATED DURING MAY-JULY 1943 TO MOJAVE, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO
MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 44

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1943 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO
MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 41, MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST

DEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY-MARCH 1944 TO ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES, AND REASSIGNED TO
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1944 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1945 AS MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 251

DEACTIVATED 1 JUNE 1945 AT SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

1946 – 1956

REACTIVATED 1 JULY 1946 AT GROSSE ILE, MICHIGAN, AS MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 251,
U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

REDESIGNATED 1 DECEMBER 1946 AS MARINE FIGHTER SQUADRON 251

MOBILIZED FOR ACTIVE DUTY 1 MARCH 1951

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1951 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13,
AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REDESIGNATED 26 APRIL 1951 AS MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 251

REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1952 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15

DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1953 TO PYONGTAEK, KOREA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN THE KOREAN WAR, JULY 1953,
OPERATING FROM

WESTERN FRONT

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE, JULY 1953 – JANUARY 1956

REDEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1956 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN

1957 – 1970

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1957 TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 31,
AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC

REDESIGNATED 20 APRIL 1957 AS MARINE FIGHTER SQUADRON 251

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1958 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 33,
3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1959 TO ATSUGI, JAPAN, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1961 TO BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 32, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, AIR,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST-OCTOBER 1961 TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
REDESIGNATED 1 NOVEMBER 1964 AS MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 251

1971 – 2010

REASSIGNED DURING MARCH 1971 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 31

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, JANUARY-APRIL 1994,
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1995, DECEMBER 1995, AND JANUARY 1996


PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQ, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1995,
NOVEMBER 1997 – APRIL 1998, NOVEMBER 1999 – FEBRUARY 2000 AND FEBRUARY 2003

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, OCTOBER 2001 – MARCH 2002
AND NOVEMBER 2007

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-MAY 2003, JUNE 2006,
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2006 AND AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2007

21 JUNE 2011

DATE


COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

United States Marine Corps



HONORS

AWARDED

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 251

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

**WORLD WAR II
GUADALCANAL - 1942**

**IRAQ
2003**

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

**KOREA
1953**

**1997 - 1998
2001 - 2002**

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

**1983 - 1986
1987 - 1989
1995 - 1996
1999 - 2000
2001 - 2004**

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
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
PHILIPPINE LIBERATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
PHILIPPINE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

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