LINEAGE
OF
1ST BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

1940 – 1947

ACTIVATED 1 APRIL 1940 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS
1ST 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
2D MARINE BRIGADE DEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1942 TO AMERICAN SAMOA
AND DETACHED FROM 2D MARINE DIVISION
DETACHED DURING OCTOBER 1942 FROM 2D MARINE BRIGADE
REASSIGNED 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 – JUNE 1946
RELOCATED DURING JUNE-JULY 1946 TO CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA
DEACTIVATED 18 NOVEMBER 1947

1950 – 1989

REACTIVATED 1 NOVEMBER 1950 AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA
PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERVENTION IN LEBANON,
JULY-SEPTEMBER 1958
PARTICIPATED IN CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1962
PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERVENTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, MAY-JUNE 1965
PARTICIPATED AS PART OF THE MULTINATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCE, LEBANON,
MAY-NOVEMBER 1983
1990 – 2018

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

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS PROVIDE PROMISE AND DENY FLIGHT, BOSNIA, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1993 AND JANUARY 1994

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY, CARIBBEAN AREA, MAY-JULY 1994

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SEA SIGNAL, CUBA, JUNE-JULY 1994

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SILVER WAKE, ALBANIA, MARCH 1997


PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, U.S. GULF COAST, IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA, SEPTEMBER 2005

PARTICIPATED IN NONCOMBATANT EVACUATION OPERATIONS, LEBANON, JULY 2006

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, AUGUST 2010 – MARCH 2011 AND JANUARY-AUGUST 2012
HONORS
AWARDED
1ST BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II
1942
1943
1945

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION WITH ONE SILVER STAR

LEBANON
1983

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

IRAQ
2004 – 2005
2009 – 2010

LEBANON
2006

AFGHANISTAN
2010 – 2011
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER

ALBANIA
1997

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER
ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR
WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER
NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH "ASIA"
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

28 September 2018

DATE

Commandant of the Marine Corps