



# LINEAGE OF

## MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 163

1951 – 1961

ACTIVATED 1 DECEMBER 1951 AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 163  
AND ASSIGNED TO AIR FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REASSIGNED DURING MARCH 1952 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1953 TO HANSHIN, JAPAN, AND REASSIGNED TO 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING MAY 1954 TO OPPAMA, JAPAN

REDESIGNATED 1 DECEMBER 1956 AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON (LIGHT) 163

RELOCATED DURING MAY 1959 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1960 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1961 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1962 – 1969

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1962 AS MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 163

DEPLOYED DURING JULY 1962 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16,  
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1962 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

REDEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1963 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1963 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING DECEMBER 1964 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1965 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM



PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, AUGUST 1962 – JANUARY 1963, FEBRUARY-OCTOBER 1965,  
JANUARY-JULY 1966 AND OCTOBER 1966 – AUGUST 1968

OPERATING FROM

SOC TRANG  
QUANG TRI

MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY

DA NANG  
HUE/PHU BAI

TEMPORARILY LOCATED AT FUTEMA, OKINAWA, OCTOBER 1965 – JANUARY 1966 AND AUGUST-OCTOBER 1966

PARTICIPATED AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD AS PART OF THE  
SPECIAL LANDING FORCE OF THE SEVENTH FLEET

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1968 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 56, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1970 – 2011

REASSIGNED DURING JULY 1971 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

RELOCATED DURING JULY 1970 TO TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA

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

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION FIERY VIGIL, PHILIPPINES, JUNE 1991

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS IN SOMALIA, MARCH 1994

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION DISTANT RUNNER, RWANDA, APRIL 1994

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1995 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQ, AUGUST 1996 AND SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1998

RELOCATED DURING MARCH 1999 TO MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, OCTOBER 2001 – JANUARY 2002  
AND HORN OF AFRICA, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2003

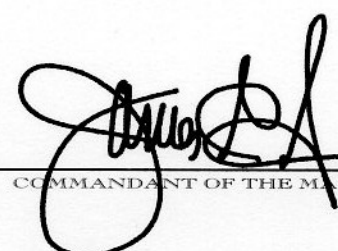
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, OCTOBER 2003 – JANUARY 2004,  
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2005 AND JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2007

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-MAY 2009

REDESIGNATED 2 DECEMBER 2011 AS MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 163

28 MARCH 2012

DATE

  
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS





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## AWARDED

**MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 163**

**PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS**

**VIETNAM**

**1965 – 1967**

**1967**

**1968**

**JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD STREAMER**

**PHILIPPINES**

**1991**

**NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR AND ONE BRONZE STAR**

**VIETNAM**

**1962 – 1963**

**1965**

**1968**

**SOUSTHWEST ASIA**

**1990 – 1991**

**1998**

**AFGHANISTAN**

**2001 – 2002**

**IRAQ**

**2007 – 2008**

**MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR**

**1978 – 1980**

**1981 – 1982**

**1983 – 1985**

**1986 – 1987**

**1987**

**1988 – 1989**

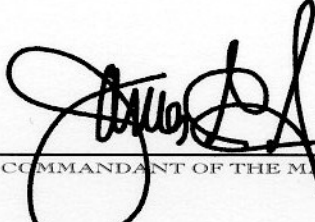
**1994**



MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER  
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS  
KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER  
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR  
VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS  
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS  
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS  
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER  
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER  
VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

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