

United States Marine Corps



LINEAGE OF

MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 263

1952 - 1974

ACTIVATED 16 JUNE 1952 AT CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 263 AND
ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26,
2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC

RELOCATED DURING JULY 1954 TO NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA

DISPATCHED TO TAMPICO, MEXICO, TO AID FLOOD VICTIMS, OCTOBER 1955

REDESIGNATED 31 DECEMBER 1956 AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT
SQUADRON (LIGHT) 263

REDESIGNATED 1 JUNE 1958 AS MARINE HELICOPTER RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON 263

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1960 AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT
SQUADRON (LIGHT) 263

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1962 AS MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 263

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, JANUARY 1961 - NOVEMBER 1962

PARTICIPATED IN INTERVENTION IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, APRIL-MAY 1965

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1965 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST
MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REDEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1965 TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, OCTOBER 1965 - MAY 1966,
AUGUST 1966 - FEBRUARY 1967, APRIL-NOVEMBER 1967 AND JANUARY 1969 - MAY 1971
OPERATING FROM

MARBLE MOUNTAIN
USS OKINAWA
KY HA

REDEPLOYED DURING MAY-AUGUST 1966 AND FEBRUARY-APRIL 1967 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1967 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 56, 3D MARINE
AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REDEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1969 TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

RELOCATED DURING MAY 1971 TO QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, AND REASSIGNED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC

1974 – 2014

RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1975 TO NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA

REASSIGNED DURING MARCH 1983 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 29,
2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC

PARTICIPATED AS PART OF MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN LEBANON,
OCTOBER 1982 – FEBRUARY 1983 AND APRIL-JULY 1984

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND PERSIAN GULF AREAS,
JULY-NOVEMBER 1987

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA, AUGUST 1990 – MARCH 1991

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION EASTERN EXIT, SOMALIA, JANUARY 1991

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION RESTORE HOPE, SOMALIA, MARCH-APRIL 1993

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DENY FLIGHT, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA,
APRIL-SEPTEMBER 1995

DEPLOYED DURING MARCH 2003 TO ARABIAN GULF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-APRIL 2003,
JULY 2004 – FEBRUARY 2005 AND SEPTEMBER 2007 – APRIL 2008

REDESIGNATED 3 MARCH 2006 AS MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 263

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN,
NOVEMBER 2009

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UNIFIED RESPONSE, HAITI, IN RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE DISASTER, JANUARY 2010

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, LIBYA, JUNE 2014

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE, IRAQ, JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2014

28 APRIL 2015

DATE


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AWARDED

MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 263

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM
1965 - 1966
1967

IRAQ
2003

JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD STREAMER

SOMALIA
1992 - 1993

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM
1969
1970 - 1971

LEBANON
1982 - 1983

PERSIAN GULF AND INDIAN OCEAN
1987

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 - 1991

SOMALIA
1991

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
1995

1997 - 1998

IRAQ
2004 - 2005

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM

1970

1971

1984

1985 – 1986

1987

2009 – 2010

2011 – 2012

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR OF 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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