

LINEAGE OF

3D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

1944 – 1947

ACTIVATED 1 FEBRUARY 1944 AT CAMP TETERE, GUADALCANAL AS 5TH BATTALION, 12TH MARINES,
3D MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 31 MARCH 1944 AS 3D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUAM
IWO JIMA

DECATIVATED 31 OCTOBER 1945

REACTIVATED 22 MAY 1946 AT TSINGTAO, CHINA, AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE BRIGADE

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF NORTH CHINA, MAY-AUGUST 1946

ATTACHED DURING JUNE 1946 TO 4TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

DETACHED DURING AUGUST 1946 FROM 4TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION,
AND REASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE BRIGADE

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1946 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 16 JULY 1947

1952 – 1979

REACTIVATED 5 SEPTEMBER 1952 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA,
AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1953 TO CAMP MCNAIR, JAPAN

REDEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1955 TO KANEOHE BAY, TERRITORY OF HAWAII,
AND REASSIGNED TO 1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE

REASSIGNED DURING MAY 1956 TO 1ST MARINE BRIGADE

DEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1965 TO OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING MAY 1965 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, MAY 1965 – NOVEMBER 1969,
OPERATING FROM

CHU LAI
PHU BAI
DONG HA
CAM LO
CAMP CARROLL
CA LU
VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE

REDEPLOYED DURING NOVEMBER 1969 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1971 TO CAMP HAUGE, OKINAWA

PARTICIPATED IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS, APRIL-JUNE 1975

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE RECOVERY OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ, MAY 1975

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1975 TO CAMP ZUKERAN, OKINAWA

1980 – 2011

RELOCATED DURING MARCH 1980 TO CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA

PARTICIPATED IN THE UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM 10TH MARINES, 2D MARINE DIVISION,
CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, DURING THE 1980s AND 1990s

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

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA ANGEL, BANGLADESH, MAY-JUNE 1991

RELOCATED DURING JULY 1998 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ,
AUGUST 2004 – FEBRUARY 2005

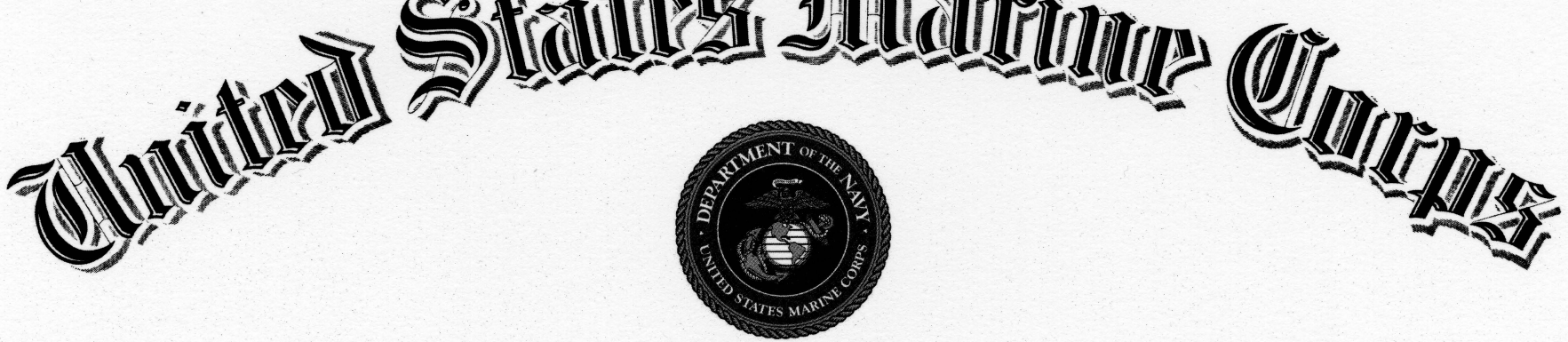
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, SOUTHEAST ASIA,
IN RESPONSE TO TSUNAMI DISASTER, DECEMBER 2004 – FEBRUARY 2005

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS, PHILIPPINES,
FEBRUARY-MARCH 2006

8 DECEMBER 2011

DATE

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS



HONORS

AWARDED

3D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

VIETNAM
1965 – 1967

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

WORLD WAR II
GUAM – 1944
IWO JIMA – 1945

VIETNAM
1965
1968

SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS
1975

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

CHINA SERVICE STREAMER

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER

8 DECEMBER 2011

DATE

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COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS