

# United States Marine Corps



## LINEAGE OF 8TH COMMUNICATION BATTALION

1951 - 1988

ACTIVATED 15 JANUARY 1951 AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, AS 2D SIGNAL OPERATIONS COMPANY,  
FLEET MARINE FORCE

REASSIGNED DURING APRIL 1951 TO FORCE TROOPS, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 24 NOVEMBER 1952 AS 8TH SIGNAL BATTALION, FORCE TROOPS, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 2 AUGUST 1954 AS 8TH COMMUNICATION BATTALION, FORCE TROOPS, FLEET MARINE FORCE

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE LANDINGS IN LEBANON, JULY-NOVEMBER 1958

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, APRIL-SEPTEMBER 1962

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERVENTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, APRIL-JUNE 1965

REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1975 TO FORCE TROOPS/2D FORCE SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP,  
FLEET MARINE FORCE

FORCE TROOPS/2D FORCE SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP REDESIGNATED 30 JUNE 1978 AS  
2D FORCE SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP, FLEET MARINE FORCE

ELEMENTS PROVIDED SUPPORT TO THE MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN LEBANON,  
AUGUST 1982 - FEBRUARY 1984

ELEMENTS PROVIDED SUPPORT TO THE LANDINGS ON GRENADA-CARRIACOU,  
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1983

ELEMENTS PROVIDED SUPPORT TO OPERATIONS IN THE PERSIAN GULF, APRIL 1988

1989 – 2002

REASSIGNED DURING FEBRUARY 1989 TO 2D SURVEILLANCE RECONNAISSANCE INTELLIGENCE GROUP,  
II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FLEET MARINE FORCE

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS IN PANAMA, DECEMBER 1989 – JANUARY 1990

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS IN LIBERIA, JUNE 1990

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

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS IN SOMALIA, JANUARY 1991

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS IN BOSNIA, FEBRUARY-MARCH 1996

2D SURVEILLANCE RECONNAISSANCE INTELLIGENCE GROUP REDESIGNATED 23 JULY 1999 AS  
II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HEADQUARTERS GROUP

2003 – 2013

DEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 2003 TO KUWAIT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-JUNE 2003, FEBRUARY 2005 – MARCH 2006  
AND JANUARY 2009 – JANUARY 2010

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, HORN OF AFRICA AND CUBA,  
2002, 2003 – 2005 AND 2007 – 2008

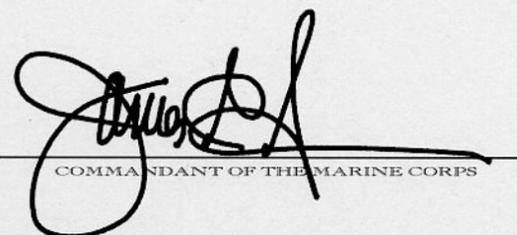
ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS, LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI,  
IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2005

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, JANUARY 2007 – FEBRUARY 2008

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, JANUARY 2011 – JANUARY 2012

2 APRIL 2013

DATE



COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

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AWARDED

8TH COMMUNICATION BATTALION

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA

1990 - 1991

IRAQ

2001 - 2003

2009 - 2010

AFGHANISTAN

2011

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER

2008 - 2010

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

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