

# United States Marine Corps



## LINEAGE OF

### MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 234

1942 – 1946

ACTIVATED 1 MAY 1942 AT EWA, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, AS MARINE SCOUT BOMBING SQUADRON 234, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 21,  
2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE

DEPLOYED DURING DECEMBER 1942 TO ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUADALCANAL  
SOUTHERN SOLOMONS  
NEW GEORGIA  
TREASURY-BOUGAINVILLE

RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1943 TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO  
MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST

RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1944 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO  
MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 41, MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST

REDESIGNATED 24 OCTOBER 1944 AS MARINE TORPEDO BOMBING SQUADRON 234,  
MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 48, MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST

RELOCATED 27 OCTOBER 1944 TO SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

REDESIGNATED 1 NOVEMBER 1944 AS MARINE TORPEDO BOMBING SQUADRON (CVS) 234,  
MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 41

DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1945 ON BOARD THE USS VELLA GULF TO THE WESTERN PACIFIC

RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1945 TO SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE SUPPORT GROUP 51, MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST

RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1945 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIR SUPPORT GROUP 46

REASSIGNED DURING MARCH 1946 TO MARINE AIR GROUP 33, MARINE AIR, WEST

DEACTIVATED 20 MARCH 1946

REACTIVATED 1 JULY 1946 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 234,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

1947 - 2004

RELOCATED DURING JUNE 1947 TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AND REDESIGNATED AS  
MARINE FIGHTER SQUADRON 234, MARINE AIR DETACHMENT,  
MARINE AIR RESERVE TRAINING COMMAND

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1955 AS MARINE FIGHTER SQUADRON 234 (JET)

REDESIGNATED 15 MAY 1958 AS MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 234

REDESIGNATED 1 JANUARY 1962 AS MARINE TRANSPORT SQUADRON 234,  
MARINE AIR RESERVE TRAINING DETACHMENT,  
MARINE AIR RESERVE TRAINING COMMAND

RELOCATED DURING MARCH 1970 TO GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS

REDESIGNATED 1 JANUARY 1976 AS MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 234

MOBILIZED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA,  
JANUARY-MAY 1991

RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1994 TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 41

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION NORTHERN WATCH, IRAQ, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2000

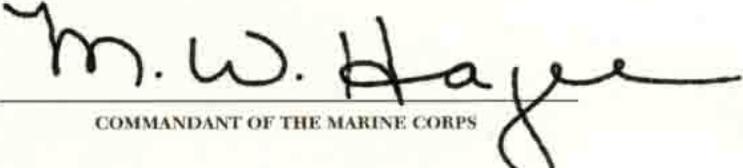
ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN,  
FEBRUARY-MAY 2002

DEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 2003 TO BAHRAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-OCTOBER 2003 AND  
FEBRUARY-SEPTEMBER 2004

7 FEBRUARY 2005

DATE

  
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MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 234

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

IRAQ  
2003

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

1988

SOUTHWEST ASIA  
1990 - 1991

1994 - 1995  
1996 - 1998  
1997 - 1998

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH "ASIA"

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

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