LINEAGE
OF
MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 252

1928 – 1940

ACTIVATED 1 JUNE 1928 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT 7-M AND ASSIGNED TO AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS, WEST COAST EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

REDESIGNATED 1 MARCH 1929 AS UTILITY SQUADRON 7-M

AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS, WEST COAST EXPEDITIONARY FORCE REDESIGNATED 8 JANUARY 1934 AS AIRCRAFT 2, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 1 JULY 1937 AS MARINE UTILITY SQUADRON 2

AIRCRAFT 2 REDESIGNATED 1 MAY 1939 AS 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP

1941 – 1945

DEPLOYED DURING JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1941 TO EWA, TERRITORY OF HAWAII

REDESIGNATED 1 JULY 1941 AS MARINE UTILITY SQUADRON 252

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1941 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 21, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE OF EWA FIELD ON 7 DECEMBER 1941 AGAINST THE JAPANESE

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1942 TO 4TH MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1944 TO APAMAMA, GILBERT ISLANDS

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

PEARL HARBOR
MARIANAS
IWO JIMA
OKINAWA

REDESIGNATED 1 APRIL 1945 AS MARINE TRANSPORT SQUADRON 252

REDEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1945 TO GUAM, MARIANA ISLANDS
1946 – 1958
RELOCATED DURING FEBRUARY-APRIL 1946 TO CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 21, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
REASSIGNED DURING JUNE 1947 TO AIRCRAFT, FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC
REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1947 TO 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
REASSIGNED DURING MARCH 1950 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11
REASSIGNED DURING APRIL 1953 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 35
PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF THE LANDINGS IN LEBANON, JULY 1958

1959 – 1999
REASSIGNED DURING JUNE 1959 TO MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 27
REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1962 AS MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 252
PARTICIPATED IN THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1962
PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERVENTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, MAY 1965
DETACHED DURING APRIL 1976 FROM MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 27
REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1977 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHARP EDGE, LIBERIA, AUGUST 1990
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA, AUGUST 1990 – APRIL 1991
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION EASTERN EXIT, SOMALIA, JANUARY 1991
PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS DENY FLIGHT AND DECISIVE ENDEAVOR, BOSNIA, JANUARY 1994 – DECEMBER 1995
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASSURED RESPONSE AND QUICK RESPONSE, LIBERIA, APRIL-AUGUST 1996
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS NOBLE ANVIL AND ALLIED FORCE, KOSOVO, JANUARY-JULY 1999

2000 – 2015
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NORTHERN WATCH, IRAQ, JULY-SEPTEMBER 2000 AND 2001
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, 2003 AND 2005 – 2010
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SHINING EXPRESS, LIBERIA, JULY-OCTOBER 2003
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, FEBRUARY 2005 – FEBRUARY 2006
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA, U.S. GULF COAST, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2005
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN NONCOMBATANT EVACUATION OPERATIONS, LEBANON, JULY-AUGUST 2006
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UNITED RESPONSE, HAITI, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2010

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AWARDED

MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 252

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
1987 – 1989
1999
2001 – 2003

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
1979 – 1980
1994 – 1995
1997 – 1999

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR SERVICE STREAMER

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