LINEAGE
OF
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3

1950 – 1965

ACTIVATED 3 AUGUST 1950 AT EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AS
MARINE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SQUADRON 3, MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 2,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 2, REASSIGNED 31 AUGUST 1950 TO
AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REASSIGNED 28 MARCH 1951 TO MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 3,
AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REDESIGNATED 15 FEBRUARY 1954 AS MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3

MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 3 REASSIGNED 15 SEPTEMBER 1955 TO
3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REASSIGNED 1 JANUARY 1956 TO MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS GROUP 3,
3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED TO THE CARIBBEAN DURING THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, OCTOBER 1962

RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1962 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA

1966 – 2015

REASSIGNED 10 NOVEMBER 1966 TO MARINE HEADQUARTERS GROUP 1,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING AND DEPLOYED TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, NOVEMBER 1966 – JUNE 1971,
OPERATING FROM

CHU LAI
DA NANG
REASSIGNED 1 SEPTEMBER 1967 TO MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 18, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

RELOCATED DURING JUNE 1971 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 38, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

RELOCATED DURING MAY 1980 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

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

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS IN SOMALIA, DECEMBER 1992 – MARCH 1993

DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, KUWAIT, FEBRUARY 2003


HONORS
AWARDED
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM
1966 – 1967

IRAQ
2003

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM
1967 – 1968

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

IRAQ
2004 – 2005
2006 – 2007
2008 – 2009

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM
1968 – 1971
1971
1985 – 1987
1988 – 1989
1998 – 1999
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER
VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER
VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER