LINEAGE
OF
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

1942 – 1949
ACTIVATED 1 DECEMBER 1942 AT CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, AS MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 311
AND ASSIGNED TO 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE
RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1943 TO PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
REASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1943 TO MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST
DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1943 TO WALLIS ISLAND AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 31,
4TH MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE
PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS
MARSHALL ISLANDS
OKINAWA
THIRD FLEET OPERATIONS AGAINST JAPAN
PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN, SEPTEMBER 1945 – JUNE 1946
RELOCATED DURING JULY 1946 TO MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 32, MARINE AIR, WEST COAST
RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1946 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA
REASSIGNED DURING APRIL 1947 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, MARINE AIR, WEST COAST
REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1947 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE
REASSIGNED DURING APRIL 1948 TO 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE
REDESIGNATED DURING JULY 1948 AS MARINE FIGHTER SQUADRON 311
REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1949 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
FLEET MARINE FORCE

1950 – 1964
REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1950 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
DEPLOYED DURING DECEMBER 1950 TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND REASSIGNED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE
PARTICIPATED IN THE KOREAN WAR, DECEMBER 1950 – JULY 1953,
OPERATING FROM
CHOSIN RESERVOIR
EAST-CENTRAL FRONT
WESTERN FRONT
PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE, JULY 1953 – MAY 1955
RELOCATED DURING MAY 1955 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA
REASSIGNED DURING JUNE 1955 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 33, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
REASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1955 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 33, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
REDESIGNATED 7 JULY 1957 AS MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1957 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
DEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1961 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE
RELOCATED DURING MARCH 1962 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15,
3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
REASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1963 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 33, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

1965 – 1973
DEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1965 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
REDEPLOYED DURING MAY-JUNE 1965 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, MAY-DECEMBER 1965, FEBRUARY 1966 – MARCH 1967,
OPERATING FROM
CHU LAI
DA NANG
BIEN HOA
REDEPLOYED DURING DECEMBER 1965 – FEBRUARY 1966 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN, AND
REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH-JUNE 1967 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN, AND REASSIGNED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15, 9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
REDEPLOYED DURING MAY 1971 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN, AND REASSIGNED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
REDEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1971 TO NAHA, OKINAWA
REDEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1972 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN
REDEPLOYED DURING MAY 1972 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
REDEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1973 TO IWAKUNI, JAPAN
1974 – 2000

TRANSFERRED BY RECORDS ONLY TO BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 324
REDESIGNATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1974 AS MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 32,
2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC

RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1976 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

PARTICIPATED IN THE SYSTEM OF UNIT DEPLOYMENT BETWEEN MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12,
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING AND MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13,
3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING DURING THE LATE 1970s, 1980s, AND 1990s

RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1987 TO YUMA, ARIZONA

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

2001 – 2009

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN,
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2001

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQ, FEBRUARY-MARCH 2003

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-MAY 2003,
JANUARY-MAY 2005, AND MARCH-OCTOBER 2008

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, JANUARY-MAY 2007

21 SEPTEMBER 2010

DATE

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
HONORS
AWARDED

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II
OKINAWA – 1945

KOREA
1951

VIETNAM
1965 – 1967

IRAQ
2003

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY) STREAMER

KOREA
1950

NAVY UNIT COMMEMODATION STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

KOREA
1952 – 1953

VIETNAM
1965
1965 – 1966
1967 – 1968
1968 – 1969
1970
1970 – 1971
1972

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

1995 – 1999
1999 – 2000

IRAQ
2005
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM
1971
1987 – 1988
1994 – 1995

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER
NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH “ASIA”
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS
VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND FOUR BRONZE STARS
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER
KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER
VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER
VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER

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