LINEAGE
OF
MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361

1952 – 1955

ACTIVATED 25 FEBRUARY 1952 AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 361, AIRCRAFT, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

ASSIGNED DURING MARCH 1952 TO MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT GROUP 16, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REASSIGNED DURING JUNE 1952 TO MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT GROUP 36, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1953 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

RELOCATED DURING MAY 1953 TO KANEHO BAY, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

RELOCATED DURING FEBRUARY-MARCH 1955 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1955 TO 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

1956 – 1964

REDESIGNATED 31 DECEMBER 1956 AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON (LIGHT) 361

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1962 AS MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361

PARTICIPATED IN THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1962

DEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1963 TO DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1964 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA

EMBARKED ON BOARD THE USS VALLEY FORGE, APRIL-JULY 1964

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1964 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, AIR, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
1965 – 1970

DEPLOYED DURING MAY-AUGUST 1965 TO DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, AUGUST 1965 – MAY 1968, OPERATING FROM

DA NANG
MARBLE MOUNTAIN
KY HA
DONG HA
USS IWO JIMA

DEACTIVATED 18 MAY 1968

REACTIVATED 3 JUNE 1968 AT NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AS MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361 AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING JULY-AUGUST 1969 TO HUE/PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, AUGUST 1969 – JANUARY 1970, OPERATING FROM

HUE/PHU BAI
MARBLE MOUNTAIN

RELOCATED DURING JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1970 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 56, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

1971 – 2013

REASSIGNED DURING JULY 1971 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

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

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UNITED SHIELD, SOMALIA, JANUARY-MARCH 1995

RELOCATED DURING 1999 TO MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, NOVEMBER 2001 – MARCH 2002


25 FEBRUARY 2014
HONORS
AWARDED

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

VIETNAM
1965 – 1967

JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD STREAMER

SOMALIA
1995

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM
1963 – 1965
1965

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

IRAQ
2004 – 2005
2006 – 2007
2009

AFGHANISTAN
2010 – 2011

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

1986 – 1987
2000 – 2001
2000 – 2002
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND FOUR BRONZE STARS
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
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