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LINEAGE

OF

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 461

1944 – 1950

ACTIVATED 15 MARCH 1944 AT EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 461 AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 43, MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST

RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1945 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 46

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 46 REDESIGNATED 15 MAY 1945 AS MARINE AIR SUPPORT GROUP 46

DETACHED DURING AUGUST 1945 FROM MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST

DEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1946 ON BOARD USS PALAU (CVE-122) AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT CARRIER GROUP 12

REDEPLOYED DURING APRIL ON BOARD USS PALAU TO ATLANTIC AREA AND DETACHED FROM MARINE AIRCRAFT CARRIER GROUP 12

REDESIGNATED 1 AUGUST 1947 AS MARINE FIGHTER SQUADRON 461

RELOCATED DURING JULY 1949 TO CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEACTIVATED 28 FEBRUARY 1950

1957 – 2003

REACTIVATED 12 JANUARY 1957 AT NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON (MEDIUM) 461 AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1962 AS MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 461

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

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION EASTERN EXIT, SOMALIA, JANUARY 1991

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, HORN OF AFRICA, APRIL-OCTOBER 2003

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-JUNE 2003

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SHINING STAR, LIBERIA, JULY 2003

2004 – 2014

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, HORN OF AFRICA, JUNE 2004 – MAY 2005, MARCH-OCTOBER 2006, JANUARY-APRIL 2007, JANUARY-JULY 2008, JANUARY-AUGUST 2009 AND JANUARY-AUGUST 2012

PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS, U.S. GULF COAST, IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA, SEPTEMBER 2005

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, FEBRUARY-JULY 2008

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION CARING RESPONSE, HAITI, IN RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE DISASTER, JANUARY-APRIL 2010

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, JANUARY-AUGUST 2011 AND FEBRUARY-AUGUST 2013

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MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 461

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

HORN OF AFRICA
2003

AFGHANISTAN
2011

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

1979 – 1980
1987 – 1989
2010

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

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