LINEAGE
OF
MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 462

1944 – 1945

ACTIVATED 15 APRIL 1944 AT EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE FIGHTING SQUADRON 462
AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 43,
MARINE FLEET AIR WEST COAST

RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1944 TO EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO
MARINE BASE DEFENSE AIRCRAFT GROUP 46

DEACTIVATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1945

1957 – 1967

REACTIVATED 3 NOVEMBER 1957 AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON (MEDIUM) 462
AND ASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1962 AS MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 462

REASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1965 TO MARINE WING SERVICE GROUP 37

REASSIGNED 1 APRIL 1967 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 56

1968 – 1969

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1968 TO 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 1968 – OCTOBER 1968,
OPERATING FROM

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PHU BAI
REDEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1969 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15, 9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE

REASSIGNED DURING NOVEMBER 1969 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

1970 – 2002

PARTICIPATED IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 31ST MARINE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT, AND 9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE, JANUARY-JUNE 1975

RELOCATED DURING JUNE 1979 TO TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

PARTICIPATED IN THE SYSTEM OF UNIT DEPLOYMENT BETWEEN MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING AND MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING DURING THE 1980s

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

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1998 TO MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA

2003 – 2013

DEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 2003 TO KUWAIT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-SEPTEMBER 2003, APRIL-OCTOBER 2008 AND JULY-AUGUST 2009

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, OCTOBER 2004 – MARCH 2005

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, SEPTEMBER 2009 – JANUARY 2010

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO FLOODING, PAKISTAN, AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2010

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION TOMODACHI, JAPAN, IN RESPONSE TO AN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI, MARCH-MAY 2011

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, 2011 INTO 2012

2 APRIL 2013

DATE

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
HONORS
AWARDED
MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 462

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER
IRAQ
2003

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS
1975
SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
VIETNAM
1968 – 1969
SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS
1975
1992 – 1994
1996 – 1998

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER
WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE 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