

# United States Marine Corps



## LINEAGE OF

### MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 162

1951 – 1961

ACTIVATED 30 JUNE 1951 AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE HELICOPTER SQUADRON 162  
AND ASSIGNED TO AIR FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

REASSIGNED DURING MARCH 1952 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16,  
AIR FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1953 TO OSAKA, JAPAN, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1954 TO OPPAMA, JAPAN

REDESIGNATED 31 DECEMBER 1956 AS MARINE HELICOPTER SQUADRON (LIGHT) 162

RELOCATED DURING FEBRUARY 1959 TO NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED  
TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1960 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

RELOCATED DURING JULY 1961 TO NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED  
TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1962 – 1969

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1962 AS MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 162

DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1962 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED  
TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

TEMPORARILY STATIONED DURING JUNE-JULY 1962 IN THAILAND FOR LAOTIAN CRISIS

REDEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1963 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, JANUARY-JUNE 1963, JUNE-OCTOBER 1964,  
AND MARCH-MAY 1965, OPERATING FROM

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NHA TRANG

RELOCATED DURING JUNE 1963 TO NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED  
TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

DEPLOYED DURING MAY 1964 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED  
TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1964 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

REDEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1964 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA

AFLOAT ON BOARD THE USS PRINCETON IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC,  
OCTOBER 1964 – MARCH 1965

REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1965 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

REDEPLOYED DURING MAY 1965 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA

RELOCATED DURING JUNE 1965 TO NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED  
TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1970 – 1995

PARTICIPATED IN DEPLOYMENT TO THE INDIAN OCEAN, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1980

REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1983 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 29

PARTICIPATED AS PART OF THE MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN LEBANON,  
MAY-NOVEMBER 1983

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SHARP EDGE, LIBERIA, AUGUST 1990 – JANUARY 1991

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, IRAQ, JULY 1991

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION RESTORE HOPE, SOMALIA, NOVEMBER 1993

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS PROVIDE PROMISE AND DENY FLIGHT,  
BOSNIA, JANUARY 1994

1996 – 2004

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ASSURED RESPONSE, LIBERIA, APRIL-JUNE 1996

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION JOINT FORGE, ALBANIA, AUGUST-NOVEMBER 1998

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BALKAN CALM, KOSOVO,  
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1998

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

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-MAY 2003

25 OCTOBER 2004

  
COMMANDANT OF THE SLAVIA GROUP



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AWARDED

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 162

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM  
1965

IRAQ  
2003

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM  
1963 – 1964

LEBANON  
1983

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

1974  
1979  
1986 – 1987  
1998

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

25 OCTOBER 2004

DATE

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