

United States Marine Corps



LINEAGE OF

MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 161

1951 - 1964

ACTIVATED 15 JANUARY 1951 AT EL TORO, CALIFORNIA, AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 161,
AIR FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1951 TO KOREA AND ATTACHED TO 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN KOREA OPERATING FROM

EAST-CENTRAL FRONT
WESTERN FRONT

PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE
FROM JULY 1953 - MARCH 1955

RELOCATED DURING MARCH 1955 TO KANEOHE BAY, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, AND ATTACHED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13

REDESIGNATED 31 DECEMBER 1956 AS MARINE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SQUADRON (LIGHT) 161,
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

ATTACHED 1 OCTOBER 1958 TO 1ST MARINE BRIGADE

ATTACHED 1 MARCH 1959 TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13, 1ST MARINE BRIGADE

REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1962 AS MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 161,
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13, 1ST MARINE BRIGADE

1965 - 1969

DEPLOYED DURING MAY 1965 TO HUE/PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND ATTACHED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1966 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA

REDEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1966 TO DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

REDEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1966 TO PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1966 TO FUTEMA, OKINAWA, AND ATTACHED TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15,
9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE

RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1966 TO NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AND ATTACHED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING MAY 1968 TO QUANG TRI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND ATTACHED TO PROVISIONAL
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 39, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

REDEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1969 TO PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND ATTACHED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1970 – 2014

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1970 TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AND ATTACHED TO
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 56, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

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

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

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS PROVIDE RELIEF AND UNITED SHIELD, SOMALIA, SEPTEMBER 1992
AND FEBRUARY-MARCH 1995

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQ, JULY 1997 AND FEBRUARY-MARCH 2003

RELOCATED DURING FEBRUARY 1999 TO MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA

PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN EAST TIMOR, SEPTEMBER 2000

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION DETERMINED RESPONSE, YEMEN, OCTOBER 2000

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-APRIL 2003, MARCH-SEPTEMBER 2004, AUGUST 2005 – FEBRUARY 2006,
MARCH-SEPTEMBER 2007 AND SEPTEMBER 2008 – APRIL 2009

REDESIGNATED 8 OCTOBER 2009 AS MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 161

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, JULY 2012 – JANUARY 2013

8 SEPTEMBER 2014

DATE


COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

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HONORS

AWARDED

MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 161

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

KOREA
1951

VIETNAM
1965 - 1966

IRAQ
2003

JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

SOMALIA
1992
1995

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

KOREA
1952 - 1953

VIETNAM
1965
1968

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 - 1991

IRAQ
2007 - 2008
2008 - 2009

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

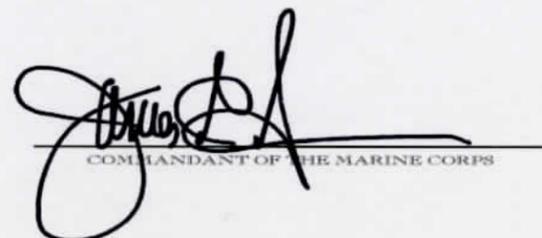
VIETNAM
1968 - 1969

1984
1986
2000 - 2001

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR
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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