LINEAGE
OF
12TH MARINES

1927 – 1928
ACTIVATED 4 OCTOBER 1927 AT TIENTSIN, CHINA, AS 12TH REGIMENT AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE BRIGADE
DEACTIVATED 22 APRIL 1928

1942 – 1946
REACTIVATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1942 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS 12TH MARINES
AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION
RELOCA TED DURING OCTOBER 1942 TO CAMP DUNLAP, CALIFORNIA
DEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1943 TO AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
REDEPLOYED DURING JULY 1943 TO GUADALCANAL
PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS
BOUGAINVILLE
NORTHERN SOLOMONS
GUAM
IWO JIMA
RELOCA TED DURING DECEMBER 1945 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA
DEACTIVATED 8 JANUARY 1946

1952 – 1969
REACTIVATED 17 MARCH 1952 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED
TO 3D MARINE DIVISION
DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1953 TO CAMP MCNAIR, JAPAN
REDEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1956 TO OKINAWA
REDEPLOYED FROM MARCH-JULY 1965 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, MAY 1965 – NOVEMBER 1969, OPERATING FROM

DA NANG
PHU BAI
CHU LAI
HUE

REDEPLOYED FROM AUGUST-NOVEMBER 1969 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

1970 – 2009

RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1971 TO CAMP HAUGE, OKINAWA
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS, APRIL-JUNE 1975

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE RECOVERY OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ MAY 1975

RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1976 TO CAMP ZUKERAN, OKINAWA

CAMP ZUKERAN RENAMED CAMP FOSTER DURING MARCH 1980

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

RELOCATED DURING JUNE-AUGUST 1998 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM AND IRAQI FREEDOM,
AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ, 2004 – 2009

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COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
HONORS
AWARDED

12TH MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

VIETNAM
1965 – 1967

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II
BOUGAINVILLE – 1943 – 1944
IWOTO JIMA – 1945

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

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