LINEAGE

OF

1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

1942 – 1946

ACTIVATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1942 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS 4TH BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

RELOCATED 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
GUAM
IWO JIMA

REDESIGNATED 5 APRIL 1945 AS 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1945 TO CAMP PENDELTON, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 8 JANUARY 1946

1951 – 1970

REACTIVATED 20 JUNE 1951 AT CAMP PENDELTON, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1953 TO CAMP MCNAIR, JAPAN

REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1956 TO SOUTH CAMP FUJI, JAPAN

REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1957 TO OKINAWA

REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH-APRIL 1965 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, APRIL 1965 – SEPTEMBER 1969

OPERATING FROM

PHU BAI
DA NANG
CAM LO
KHE SANH
CAMP CARROLL
REDUCED TO CADRE STATUS DURING SEPTEMBER 1969
REESTABLISHED DURING OCTOBER 1969 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO 5TH MARINE DIVISION
REASSIGNED DURING NOVEMBER 1969 TO 5TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE

1971 – 2014
REASSIGNED DURING APRIL 1971 TO 1ST MARINE DIVISION
DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1971 TO KANEHOE BAY, HAWAII, AND REASSIGNED TO 1ST MARINE BRIGADE
1ST MARINE BRIGADE REDESIGNATED 30 AUGUST 1985 AS 1ST MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE
1ST MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE REDESIGNATED 5 FEBRUARY 1988 AS 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA, SEPTEMBER 1990 – APRIL 1991
REASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1994 TO III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, SEPTEMBER 2008 – APRIL 2009
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, MAY-NOVEMBER 2011

3 JULY 2015
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DATE

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
HONORS

AWARDED
1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

VIETNAM
1965 – 1967

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

WORLD WAR II
BOUGANVILLE AND GUAM – 1943 – 1944
IWO JIMA – 1945

VIETNAM
1968 – 1969

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

IRAQ
2008 – 2009
2009

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION
2008 – 2010

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 STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER