LINEAGE
OF
1ST BATTALION, 23D MARINES

1942 – 1945
ACTIVATED 22 JULY 1942 AT NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AS 1ST BATTALION, 23D MARINES
RELOCATED DURING JULY 1943 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA
ASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1943 TO 4TH MARINE DIVISION
DEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1944 TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC
PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS
ROI-NAMUR
SAIPAN
TINIAN
IWO JIMA
REDEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1945 TO MAUI, TERRITORY OF HAWAII
RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1945 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA
DEACTIVATED 15 NOVEMBER 1945

1962 – 2015
REACTIVATED 1 JULY 1962 AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND ASSIGNED TO 4TH MARINE DIVISION, U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE
MOBILIZED DURING JANUARY 1991 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD
AND DESERT STORM AND DEPLOYED TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA
REDEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1991 TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND DEMOBILIZED
ELEMENTS MOBILIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM,
JANUARY 2003 – JANUARY 2004
MOBILIZED DURING AUGUST 2004 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, AUGUST 2004 – MARCH 2005
REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 2005 TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND DEMOBILIZED
ELEMENTS MOBILIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ,
MAY-NOVEMBER 2007
MOBILIZED DURING NOVEMBER 2010 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, MARCH-SEPTEMBER 2011
REDEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 2011 TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND DEMOBILIZED
HONORS

AWARDED

1ST BATTALION, 23D MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II
SAIPAN – TINIAN 1944
IWO JIMA – 1945

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

IRAQ
2004 – 2005

AFGHANISTAN
2009

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

14 SEPTEMBER 2015

DATE

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS