

United States Marine Corps



LINEAGE OF

1ST BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

1940 - 1947

**ACTIVATED 1 APRIL 1940 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS 1ST BATTALION, 8TH MARINES
AND ASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE BRIGADE**

2D MARINE BRIGADE REDESIGNATED 1 FEBRUARY 1941 AS 2D MARINE DIVISION

ASSIGNED DURING DECEMBER 1941 TO 2D MARINE BRIGADE, 2D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1942 TO AMERICAN SAMOA AND DETACHED FROM 2D MARINE DIVISION

DETACHED DURING OCTOBER 1942 FROM 2D MARINE BRIGADE

ASSIGNED DURING FEBRUARY 1943 TO 2D MARINE DIVISION

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUADALCANAL

TARAWA

SAIPAN

TINIAN

OKINAWA

DEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1945 TO NAGASAKI, JAPAN

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN, SEPTEMBER 1945 - JUNE 1946

RELOCATED DURING JUNE-JULY 1946 TO CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

DEACTIVATED 18 NOVEMBER 1947

1950 – 1989

REACTIVATED 1 NOVEMBER 1950 AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, AS 1ST BATTALION, 8TH MARINES
AND ASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND CARIBBEAN AT VARIOUS TIMES
FROM THE 1950s TO THE 1990s

PARTICIPATED IN THE LANDINGS IN LEBANON, JULY-SEPTEMBER 1958

PARTICIPATED IN THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1962

PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERVENTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, MAY-JUNE 1965

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

1990 – 2011

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

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS PROVIDE PROMISE AND DENY FLIGHT, BOSNIA,
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1993 AND JANUARY 1994

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY,
CARIBBEAN AREA, MAY-JULY 1994

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SEA SIGNAL, CUBA, JUNE-JULY 1994

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SILVER WAKE, ALBANIA, MARCH 1997

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

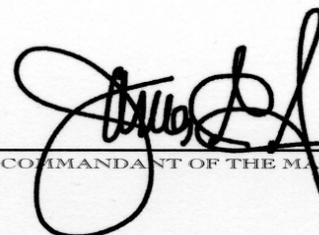
PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO
HURRICANE KATRINA, U.S. GULF COAST, SEPTEMBER 2005

PARTICIPATED IN EVACUATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, LEBANON, JULY 2006

8 DECEMBER 2011

DATE

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS





HONORS

AWARDED

1ST BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II
GUADALCANAL - 1942
TARAWA - 1943
OKINAWA - 1945

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

LEBANON
1983

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 - 1991

IRAQ
2004 - 2005

LEBANON
2006

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER

ALBANIA
1997

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH "ASIA" AND "EUROPE"

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

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