LINEAGE
OF

2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES

1942 – 1945

ACTIVATED 1 MAY 1942 AT NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AS 3D TRAINING BATTALION, DIVISION SPECIAL TROOPS, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 17 JUNE 1942 AS 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES, FLEET MARINE FORCE

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1942 TO TUTUILA, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND REASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE BRIGADE

3D MARINES REASSIGNED DURING MARCH 1943 TO FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDEPLOYED DURING MAY 1943 TO AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

REASSIGNED DURING JUNE 1943 TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

REDEPLOYED DURING JULY-AUGUST 1943 TO GUADALCANAL

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

BOUGAINVILLE
NORTHERN SOLOMONS
GUAM
IWO JIMA

RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1945 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 31 DECEMBER 1945

1951 – 1960

REACTIVATED 20 JULY 1951 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE BRIGADE, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1952 TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING JULY-AUGUST 1953 TO CAMP FUJI-MCNNAIR, JAPAN
REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1957 TO CAMP SUKIRAN, OKINAWA

REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1958 TO CAMP KINSEI, OKINAWA

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1959 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO
1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

1961 – 1969

REDEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1961 TO CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION,
FLEET MARINE FORCE


REDEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1965 TO DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, APRIL 1965 – OCTOBER 1969, OPERATING FROM

DA NANG
CAMP CARROLL
QUANG TRI
CAM LO
A SHAU
KHE SANH

RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1969 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND REASSIGNED TO
5TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE, FLEET MARINE FORCE

1970 – 2014

REASSIGNED DURING APRIL 1971 TO 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

RELOCATED DURING MAY-JUNE 1971 TO KANEHOE BAY, HAWAII, AND REASSIGNED TO
1ST MARINE BRIGADE, FLEET MARINE FORCE

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,
JANUARY-MARCH 1991

REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1994 TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, JUNE 2005 – JANUARY 2006,
MAY-NOVEMBER 2009 AND NOVEMBER 2010 – JUNE 2011

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, SEPTEMBER 2006 – APRIL 2007 AND FEBRUARY-AUGUST 2008
HONORS
AWARDED

2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II
GUAM – 1944

VIETNAM
1965
1965 – 1967
1967

AFGHANISTAN
2009

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II
BOUGAINVILLE – 1943

VIETNAM
1968

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1991

IRAQ
2006 – 2007
2007

AFGHANISTAN
2008 – 2009
2010

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM
1968
1968

2005 – 2006
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 TWO BRONZE STARS
 AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
 IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER
 VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER
 VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER

8 SEPTEMBER 2014

DATE

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS