LINEAGE
OF
2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES

1932 – 1940

ACTIVATED 18 SEPTEMBER 1932 AT SHANGHAI, CHINA, AS 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES

PARTICIPATED IN THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT OF SHANGHAI, AUGUST-NOVEMBER 1937

ASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1937 TO 2D MARINE BRIGADE

DETACHED DURING FEBRUARY 1938 FROM 2D MARINE BRIGADE

1941 – 1945

DEPLOYED DURING NOVEMBER 1941 TO OLONGAPO, PHILIPPINES

REDEPLOYED DURING DECEMBER 1941 TO CORREGIDOR, PHILIPPINES

PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE OF CORREGIDOR, JANUARY-MAY 1942

CAPTURED BY ENEMY FORCES ON 6 MAY 1942, TEMPORARILY CEASED TO EXIST

REACTIVATED 1 FEBRUARY 1944 ON GUADALCANAL BY REDESIGNATION FROM THE 4TH RAIDER BATTALION, 1ST RAIDER REGIMENT

ASSIGNED DURING APRIL TO 1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE BRIGADE

REASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 6TH MARINE DIVISION

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

PHILIPPINES
SOLOMON ISLANDS
BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO
GUAM
OKINAWA
REDEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1945 TO YOKOSUKA, JAPAN

REASSIGNED DURING NOVEMBER 1945 TO FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

1946 – 1947

RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1946 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 31 JANUARY 1946

REACTIVATED 8 MARCH 1946 TO TSINGTAO, CHINA, AND ASSIGNED TO 6TH MARINE DIVISION

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF NORTH CHINA, MARCH-SEPTEMBER 1946

REASSIGNED DURING APRIL 1946 TO 3D MARINE BRIGADE

REASSIGNED DURING JUNE 1946 TO 1ST MARINE DIVISION

RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1946 TO CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED TO 2D MARINE DIVISION

DEACTIVATED 18 NOVEMBER 1947

1952 – 1964

REACTIVATED 30 OCTOBER 1952 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1953 TO CAMP NARA, JAPAN

RELOCATED DURING FEBRUARY 1955 TO KANEHOE BAY, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, AND ASSIGNED TO 1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE

1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE REDESIGNATED DURING MAY 1956 AS 1ST MARINE BRIGADE

1965 – 1974

REDEPLOYED DURING MAY 1965 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND REASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, MAY 1965 – NOVEMBER 1969,
OPERATING FROM

CHU LAI        CON THIEN
DA NANG         CAM LO
QUANG NGAI CITY   PHU BAI
RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1969 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

1975 – 1993
PARTICIPATED IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS, MARCH-APRIL 1975
ELEMENTS OF THE BATTALION PARTICIPATED IN THE MAYAGUEZ OPERATION, MAY 1975
RELOCATED DURING JULY 1978 TO CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SHARP EDGE, LIBERIA, MAY-AUGUST 1990
RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1990 TO CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND REASSIGNED TO
8TH MARINES, 2D MARINE DIVISION
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA,
DECEMBER 1990 – APRIL 1991

1994 – 2013
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA SIGNAL, CUBA, JUNE-AUGUST 1994
REASSIGNED DURING SEPTEMBER 1994 TO 5TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION AND RELOCATED TO
CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION DESERT FOX, IRAQ, DECEMBER 1998
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, FEBRUARY-SEPTEMBER 2004 AND
NOVEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007
PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CARING RESPONSE, BURMA, MAY-JUNE 2008
PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, SEPTEMBER 2011 – APRIL 2012
HONORS

AWARDED
2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II
OKINAWA — 1945

VIETNAM
1965 — 1967
1966 — 1967

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY) STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

WORLD WAR II
PHILIPPINES — 1941 — 1942
PHILIPPINES — 1942

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II
GUAM — 1944

VIETNAM
1965
1968

SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS
1975

LIBERIA
1990

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 — 1991
2002 — 2003

IRAQ
2004
2006 — 2007
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM
1968

SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS
1975

1998 – 1999

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

YANGTZE SERVICE STREAMER

CHINA SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH “ASIA”

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

PHILIPPINE DEFENSE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

PHILIPPINE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER