

United States Marine Corps



LINEAGE OF 2D BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

1940 – 1947

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

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

REASSIGNED 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

REASSIGNED 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 – 1990

REACTIVATED 1 DECEMBER 1950 AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

PARTICIPATED IN THE LANDINGS IN LEBANON, JULY-SEPTEMBER 1958

REDUCED TO CADRE STATUS, MAY 1959 – JULY 1961

PARTICIPATED IN THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1962

RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1968 TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1973 TO CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA

PARTICIPATED AS PART OF THE MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN LEBANON,
AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1982 AND OCTOBER 1983 – FEBRUARY 1984

PARTICIPATED IN THE LANDINGS ON GRENADA-CARRIACOU, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1983

1991 – 2000

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, IRAQ, APRIL-JULY 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS, CUBA, IN RESPONSE TO
HAITIAN MIGRANT CRISIS, DECEMBER 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY, CUBA,
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1993

PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR, ADRIATIC SEA, OCTOBER 1996

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN SECURITY OPERATIONS, HAITI AND PANAMA,
NOVEMBER 1997 – FEBRUARY 1998 AND JANUARY-AUGUST 1999

2001 – 2015

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION RAPID CHEETAH, KOSOVO, AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2001

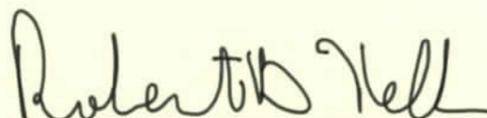
DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, KUWAIT, FEBRUARY 2003

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-MAY 2003, JULY-DECEMBER 2006
AND NOVEMBER 2007 – MAY 2008

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, NOVEMBER 2003 – MAY 2004,
JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2009, JANUARY-AUGUST 2011 AND MARCH-OCTOBER 2013

6 JUNE 2016

DATE


COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

United States Marine Corps



HONORS

AWARDED

2D BATTALION, 8TH MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

**WORLD WAR II
GUADALCANAL – 1942
TARAWA – 1943
OKINAWA – 1945**

**IRAQ
2003**

**AFGHANISTAN
2009**

JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD STREAMER

**IRAQ
1991**

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

**LEBANON
1982**

**LEBANON AND GRENADA
1983 – 1984**

**AFGHANISTAN
2003 – 2004
2011**

**IRAQ
2006**

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER

1968 – 1973

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

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 THREE BRONZE STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

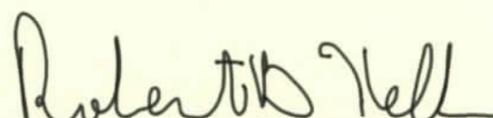
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

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