LINEAGE
OF
3D BATTALION, 23D MARINES

1942 – 1945
ACTIVATED 22 JULY 1942 AT NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AS 3D BATTALION, 23D MARINES
RELOCATED DURING JULY 1943 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA
ASSIGNED DURING AUGUST 1943 TO 4TH MARINE DIVISION
DEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1944 TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC
PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS
KWAJALEIN
SAIPAN
TINIAN
IWO JIMA
RELOCATED DURING OCTOBER 1945 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA
DEACTIVATED 10 NOVEMBER 1945

1962 – 2015
REACTIVATED 1 JULY 1962 AT SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO 4TH MARINE DIVISION,
U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE
RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1976 TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
MOBILIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA,
DECEMBER 1990 – MAY 1991
REDEPLOYED TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DURING JUNE 1991 AND DEMOBILIZED
MOBILIZED 5 MARCH 2003 AND PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, APRIL-AUGUST 2003
REDEPLOYED TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DURING SEPTEMBER 2003 AND DEMOBILIZED
ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA,
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2005
MOBILIZED MAY 2007 AND PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ,
SEPTEMBER 2007 – APRIL 2008
REDEPLOYED TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DURING APRIL 2008 AND DEMOBILIZED
RELOCATED DURING MAY 2013 TO BRIDGETON, MISSOURI

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DATE

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AWARDED

3D BATTALION, 23D MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
WORLD WAR II
SAIPAN – TINIAN 1944
IWO JIMA – 1945
IRAQ
2003

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 – 1991
IRAQ
2007 – 2008

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER
ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS
WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS
IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

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