LINEAGE
OF
III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

1942 – 1946

ACTIVATED 1 OCTOBER 1942 AT CAMP ELLIOTT, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS I MARINE AMPHIBIOUS CORPS

DEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1942 TO NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA

REDESIGNATED 15 APRIL 1944 AS III AMPHIBIOUS CORPS

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

BOUGAINVILLE
NORTHERN SOLOMONS
GUAM
PALAU ARCHIPELAGO
OKINAWA

REDEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1945 TO TIENTSIN, CHINA

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF NORTH CHINA, SEPTEMBER 1945 – JUNE 1946

DEACTIVATED 10 JUNE 1946

1965 – 1987

REACTIVATED 6 MAY 1965 AT DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AS III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

REDESIGNATED 7 MAY 1965 AS III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, MAY 1965 – APRIL 1971,
OPERATING FROM

QUANG TRI
THUA THIEN
QUANG NAM
QUANG TIN
QUANG NGAI

DEPLOYED DURING APRIL 1971 TO CAMP COURTNEY, OKINAWA
1988 – 2006

REDESIGNATED 5 FEBRUARY 1988 AS III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, IRAQ, MAY-JUNE 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA ANGEL, BANGLADESH, MAY-JUNE 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION FIERY VIGIL, PHILIPPINES, JUNE 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS RESTORE HOPE AND CONTINUE HOPE, SOMALIA, DECEMBER 1992 – MARCH 1994

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, 2001 – 2013

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, SOUTHEAST ASIA, DECEMBER 2004 – FEBRUARY 2005

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, PAKISTAN, IN RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE, OCTOBER 2005 – MARCH 2006

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, PHILIPPINES, IN RESPONSE TO FLOODING AND MUDSLIDES, MARCH-APRIL 2006

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, INDONESIA, IN RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE, MAY-JUNE 2006

2007 – 2015

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA ANGEL II, BANGLADESH, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2007

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION CARING RESPONSE, BURMA, MAY-JUNE 2008

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, PHILIPPINES, IN RESPONSE TO FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES, OCTOBER 2009

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION TOMODACHI, JAPAN, MARCH-APRIL 2011

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION DAMAYAN, PHILIPPINES, NOVEMBER 2013

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SAHAYOGI HAAT, NEPAL, APRIL-MAY 2015

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, IN RESPONSE TO TYPHOOON SOUDELO, AUGUST 2015

6 JUNE 2016

DATE

COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
HONORS
AWARDED
III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
VIETNAM
1965 – 1968
1968 – 1971
2001 – 2003

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR
2004 – 2005
2008 – 2010

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR
WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER
CHINA SERVICE STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS
VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER
VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER
VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER

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