



LINEAGE

OF

3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES

1942 – 1945

ACTIVATED 1 JUNE 1942 AT NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, AS THE 5TH TRAINING BATTALION, DIVISION SPECIAL TROOPS,
1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 16 JUNE 1942 AS THE 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES, FLEET MARINE FORCE

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1942 TO TUTUILA, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND REASSIGNED TO THE
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 THE 3D MARINE DIVISION

REDEPLOYED DURING JULY-AUGUST 1943 TO GUADALCANAL

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

BOUGAINVILLE
NORTHERN SOLOMONS
GUAM
IWO JIMA

REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1945 TO GUAM

DETACHED DURING NOVEMBER 1945 FROM THE 3D MARINE DIVISION

DEACTIVATED 20 DECEMBER 1945

1951 – 1964

REACTIVATED 8 AUGUST 1951 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND ASSIGNED TO THE
3D MARINE BRIGADE, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REASSIGNED DURING JANUARY 1952 TO THE 3D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING JULY-AUGUST 1953 TO CAMP FUJI-MCNAIR, JAPAN

REDEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1957 TO CAMP SUKIRAN, OKINAWA

DEPLOYED DURING MARCH-APRIL 1962 ON BOARD THE USS BAYFIELD TO THE WATERS OF
QUEMOY AND MATSU ISLANDS

1965 – 1974

DEPLOYED DURING MAY 1965 TO CHU LAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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

CHU LAI
DA NANG
DONG HA

CAMP CARROLL
QUANG TRI
CAM LO

PHU BAI

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

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

DEACTIVATED 1 JUNE 1974

1975 – 2006

REACTIVATED 1 OCTOBER 1975 AT KANEOHE BAY, HAWAII, AND ASSIGNED TO THE
1ST MARINE BRIGADE, FLEET MARINE FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS TRAINING EXERCISES DURING THE 1970s AND 1980s

ELEMENTS DEPLOYED TO THE WESTERN PACIFIC AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING
THE 1970s AND 1980s

PARTICIPATED AS AFLOAT SUPPORT TO THE MULTINATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE,
LEBANON, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1983

1ST MARINE BRIGADE REDESIGNATED 30 AUGUST 1985 AS THE 1ST MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE

1ST MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE REDESIGNATED 6 FEBRUARY 1988 AS THE
1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA,
AUGUST 1990 – MARCH 1991

REASSIGNED DURING OCTOBER 1994 TO THE 3D MARINE DIVISION

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, OCTOBER 2004 – JUNE 2005

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, MARCH-OCTOBER 2006

15 SEPTEMBER 2006

DATE


COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

United States Marine Corps



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AWARDED

3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II
GUAM - 1944

VIETNAM
1965 - 1967

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II
BOUGAINVILLE - 1943

VIETNAM
1965
1968 - 1969

SOUTHWEST ASIA
1990 - 1991

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

VIETNAM
1967 - 1968
1968

LEBANON
1983

MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

ASIATIC-PACIFIC STREAMER WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

15 SEPTEMBER 2006

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