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Medium Helicopter Squadrons

HMM-161
HMR-161 Act. 15 Jan 1951
Redes. HMR(L)-161 31 Dec 1956
Redes. HMM-161 1 Feb 1962

HMM-162
HMR-162 Act. 30 Jun 1951
Redes. HMR(L)-162
31 December 1956
Redes. HMM-162 1 Feb 1962

HMM-163
HMR-163 Act. 1 Dec 1951
Redes. HMR(L)-163 1 Dec 1956
Redes. HMM-163 1 Feb 1962

HMM-165
HMM-165 Act. 1 Jul 1965

HMM-166
HMM-166 Act. 13 Sep 1985

HMM-261
HMR-261 Act. 5 Apr 1951
Redes. HMR(L)-261 31 Dec 1956
Redes. HMM-261 1 Feb 1962

HMM-262
HMR-262 Act. 1 Sep 1951
Redes. HMR(L)-262 31 Dec 1956
Redes. HMM-262 1 Feb 1962

HMM-263
HMR-263 Act. 16 Jun 1952
Redes. HMR(L)-263 31 Dec 1956
Redes. HMR(C)-263 1 Jun 1958
Redes. HMR(L)- 263 1 Feb 1960
Redes. HMM-263 1 Feb 1962

HMM-264
HMR(L)-264 Act. 30 Jun 1959
Redes. HMM-264 1 Feb 1962

HMM-265
HMM-265 Act. 30 Sep 1962
Deact. 13 Nov 1970
React. as HMM-265 1 Sep 1977

HMM-266
HMM-266 Act. 26 Apr 1983

HMM-268
HML-268 Act. 15 Sep 1972
Deact. 30 Sep 1977
React. as HMM-268 1 Mar 1979

HMM-364
HMR(L)-364 Act. 1 Sep 1961
Redes. HMM-364 1 Feb 1962

HMM-365
HMM-365 Act. 1 Jul 1963
Deact. 1 Mar 1971
React. as HMM-365 5 Jul 1980

HMM-764
HMR-764 Act. 15 Apr 1958
Redes. HMM-764 1 Apr 1962

HMM-774
HMR-774 Act. 5 Sep 1958
Redes. HMM-774 1 Apr 1962
Deact. 30 Sep 1962
React. 1 Jul 1969

Fighter Attack Squadrons

VMFA-112
VMF-112 Act. 1 Mar 1942
Deact. 10 Sep 1945
React. 1 Jul 1946
Redes. VMF-112 1 Sep 1949**
Redes. VMF(AW)-112 1 Nov 1971
Redes. VMFA-112 25 Feb 1976

VMFA-115
VMF-115 Act. 1 Jul 1943
Redes. VMF-115 1 Aug 1949**
Redes. VMF(AW)-115 31 Dec 1956
Redes. VMFA-115 1 Jan 1964

VMFA-122
VMF-122 Act. 1 Mar 1942
Redes. VMF-122 27 Aug 1947**
Redes VMFA(AW)-122 1 Oct 1962
Redes. VMFA-122 1 Jul 1965
Deact. 30 Aug 1974
React. 4 Dec 1974

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No officially approved insignia

VMFA-212
VMF-212 Act. 1 Mar 1942
Redes. VMF-212 27 Aug 1947**
Redes. VMA-212 9 Jun 1952
Redes. VMF(AW)-212 1 Jul 1964
Redes. VMF-212 1 Mar 1968
Redes. VMFA-212 10 Aug 1968

VMFA-232
VF-3M Act. 1 Sep 1925
Redes. VF-10M 25 Jun 1927
Redes. VF-6M 1 Jul 1928
Redes. VB-4M 1 Jul 1933
Redes. VMB-2 1 Jul 1937
Redes. VMSB-232 1 Jul 1941
Redes. VMTB-232 1 Jun 1943
Deact. 16 Nov 1945
React. as VMF-232 3 Jun 1948
Redes. VMF-232 1 Apr 1949**
Redes. VMF(AW)-232 1 Mar 1965
Redes. VMFA-232 8 Sep 1967

VMFA-251
VMO-251 Act. 1 Dec 1941
Redes. VMF-251 1 Feb 1945
Deact. 1 Jun 1945
React. as VMF-251 1 Jul 1946
Redes. VMF-251 1 Dec 1946**
Redes. VMA-251 26 Apr 1951
Redes. VMF-251 20 Apr 1957
Redes. VMFA-251 1 Nov 1964

VMFA-312*
VMF-312 Act. 1 Jun 1943
Redes. VMF-312 1 Dec 1949**
Redes. VMA-312 1 Mar 1952
Redes. VMF-312 15 Feb 1954
Redes. VMF(AW)-312 1 Aug 1963
Redes. VMFA-312 1 Feb 1966

VMFA-314
VMF-314 Act. 1 Oct 1943
Deact. 30 Apr 1947
React. 1 Feb 1952
Redes. VMF(AW)-314 1 Jan 1957
Redes. VMFA-314 1 Aug 1963

VMFA-321
VMF-321 Act. 1 Feb 1943
Deact. 28 Jan 1946
React. 1 Jul 1946
Redes. 1 Apr 1949**
Redes. VMA-321 15 May 1958
Redes. VMF-321 1 Jul 1962
Redes. VMFA-321 1 Jan 1974

VMFA-323
VMF-323 Act. 1 Aug 1943
Redes. VMF-323 1 Sep 1949**
Redes. VMA-323 30 Jun 1952
Redes. VMF-323 31 Dec 1956
Redes. VMF(AW)-323 19 Jul 1962
Redes. VMFA-323 1 Jul 1964

Attack Squadrons

VMA-211
VF-4M Act. 1 Jan 1937
Redes. VMF-2 1 Jul 1937
Redes. VMF-211 1 Jul 1941
Redes. VMF-211 1 Feb 1949**
Redes. VMA-211 30 Jun 1952

VMA-214
VMF-214 Act. 1 Jul 1942
Redes. VMF(AW)-214 31 Dec 1956
Redes. VMA-214 9 Jul 1957

VMA-223
VMF-223 Act. 1 May 1942
Redes. VMF-223 1 Aug 1948**
Redes. VMA-223 1 Dec 1954

VMA-231
1st Division, Squadron D Act.
8 Feb 1919
Redes. 1st Air Squadron 1 Jan 1921
Redes. VO-1M 17 Aug 1922
Redes. VO-8M 1 Jul 1927
Deact. 1 Jul 1933
React. 15 Nov 1934
Redes. VMS-2 1 Jul 1937
Redes. VMSB-231 1 Jul 1941
Redes. VMBF-231 14 Oct 1944
Redes. VMSB-231 30 Dec 1944
Redes. VMTB-231 10 Aug 1945
Deact. 20 Mar 1946
React. as VMF-231 1 Jun 1948
Redes. VMA-231 15 May 1957
Deact. 31 Aug 1962
React. 31 Jul 1972

VMA-311
VMF-311 Act. 1 Dec 1942
Redes. VMF-311 in Jul 1948**
Redes. VMA-311 7 Jul 1957
Transferred by records as
VMA-324 in 1974
Redes. VMA-311 1 Sep 1974

VMA-513
VMF-513 Act. 15 Feb 1944
Redes. VMF(N)-513 1 Aug 1947
Redes. VMF(AW)-513 18 Oct 1948
Redes. VMFA-513 1 Aug 1963
Redes. VMA-513 30 Jun 1970

VMA-542
VMF(N)-542 Act. 6 Mar 1944
Redes. VMF(AW)-542 18 Oct 1948
Redes. VMFA-542 2 Nov 1963
Deact. 30 Jun 1970
React. as VMA-542 12 Jan 1972

All Weather Fighter Attack Squadrons

VMFA(AW)-121*
VMF-121 Act. 24 Jun 1941
Deact. 9 Sep 1945
React. 1 Jul 1946
Redes. VMF-121 1 Apr 1949**
Redes. VMA-121 15 May 1951
Redes. VMA(AW)-121 5 Feb 1969
Redes. VMFA(AW)-121 8 Dec 1989

VMFA(AW)-224
VMF-224 Act. 1 May 1942
Redes. VMA-224 1 Dec 1954
Redes. VMA(AW)-224 1 Nov 1966
Redes. VMFA(AW)-224 5 Mar 1993

VMFA(AW)-225
VMF-225 Act. 1 Jan 1943
Redes. VMF-225 1 Sep 1947**
Redes. VMA-225 15 Jun 1952
Redes. VMA(AW)-225 5 Apr 1966
Deact. 15 Jun 1972
React. as VMFA(AW)-225 1 Jul 1991

VMFA(AW)-242
VMTB-242 Act. 1 Jul 1943
Deact. 23 Nov 1945
React. as VMA-242 1 Oct 1960
Redes. VMA(AW)-242 1 Oct 1964
Redes. VMFA(AW)-242 14 Dec 1990

VMFA(AW)-332
VMSB-332 Act. 1 Jun 1943
Redes. VMTB-332 1 Mar 1945
Deact. 13 Nov 1945
React. as VMA-332 23 Apr 1952
Redes. VMA(AW)-332 20 Aug 1968
Redes. VMFA(AW)-332 25 Jun 1993

VMFA(AW)-533
VMF(N)-533 Act. 1 Oct 1943
Redes. VMF(AW)-533 9 Nov 1948
Redes. VMA-533 1 Jun 1957
Redes. VMA(AW)-533 1 Jul 1965
Redes. VMFA(AW)-533 1 Oct 1992

Light Attack Helicopter Squadrons

HMLA-167
HML-167 Act. 15 Mar 1968
Redes. HMLA-167 1 Apr 1986

HMLA-169
HMA-169 Act. 30 Sep 1971
Redes. HMLA-169 1 Oct 1986

No officially approved insignia

HMLA-269
Cadre formed as HMA-269 22 Feb 1971
HMA-269 Act. 1 Jul 1971
Redes. HMLA-269 1 Apr 1986

HMLA-367*
VMO-351 Act. 1 Dec 1943
Redes. VMO-3 15 Jan 1944
Deact. 20 Aug 1949
React. 1 Aug 1966
Redes. HML-367 24 Mar 1968
Redes. HMLA-367 1 Jan 1988

HMLA-369*
HMA-369 Act. 1 Apr 1972
Redes. HMLA-369 15 Sep 1987

No officially approved insignia

No officially approved insignia

HMLA-775
HMLA-775 Act. 7 Jan 1989

Heavy Helicopter Squadrons

HMH-361
HMR-361 Act. 28 Feb 1952
Redes. HMR(L)-361 31 Dec 1956
Redes. HMM-361 1 Feb 1962
Deact. 18 May 1968
React. as HMH-361 3 Jun 1968

HMH-362
HMR-362 Act. 30 Apr 1952
Redes. HMR(L)-362 31 Dec 1956
Redes. HMM-362 1 Feb 1962
Redes. HMH-362 21 Aug 1969

HMH-363
HMR-363 Act. 2 Jun 1952
Redes. HMR(L)-363 31 Dec 1956
Redes. HMR(C)- 363 30 Jun 1958
Redes. HMR(L)-363 29 Feb 1960
Redes. HMH-363 1 Feb 1962

HMH-461
VMF-461 Act. 15 Mar 1944
Redes. VMF-461 1 Aug 1947**
Deact. 29 Feb 1950
React. as HMR(M)-461 12 Jan 1957
Redes. HMH-461 1 Feb 1962

HMH-462
VMF-462 Act. 15 Apr 1944
Deact. 10 Sep 1945
React. as HMR(M)-462 3 Nov 1957
Redes. as HMH-462 1 Feb 1962

HMH-463
VMB-463 Act. 20 Jul 1944
Deact. 28 Feb 1945
React. as VMTB-463 15 Jul 1945
Deact. 20 Mar 1946
React. as HMR-463 1 Sep 1958
Deact. 30 Jun 1959
React. as HMH-463 1 Mar 1966

HMH-464
VMSB-464 Act. 15 Apr 1944
Redes. VMTB-464 4 Jun 1945
Deact. 10 Mar 1946
React. as HMH-464 1 Mar 1981

HMH-465
HMH-465 Act. 1 Dec 1981

HMH-466
HMH-466 Act. 30 Nov 1984

HMH-769
HMR-769 Act. 15 Apr 1958
Redes. HMM-769 1 Apr 1962
Redes. HMH-769 1 Sep 1971
Redes. HMH-772 Det A 1 Jun 1980
Redes. HMH-769 1 Apr 1993

HMH-772
HMR-772 Act. 15 Apr 1958
Redes. HMM-772 1 Apr 1962
Redes. HMH-772 1 Sep 1971

Aerial Refueler Transport Squadrons

VMGR-152
VMJ-253 Act. 11 Mar 1942
Redes. VMR-253 30 Jul 1944
Deact. 31 May 1947
React. as VMR-253 15 Jun 1951
Redes. VMGR-152 1 Feb 1962

VMGR-234
VMSB-234 Act. 1 May 1942
Redes. VMTB(CVS)-234 1 Nov 1944
Deact. 20 Mar 1946
React. as VMF-234 1 Jul 1946
Redes. VMF-234 Jun 1947**
Redes. VMF(Jet)-234 1 Feb 1955
Redes. VMA-234 15 May 1958
Redes. VMR-234 1 Jan 1962
Redes. VMGR-234 1 Jan 1976

VMGR-252
Hdqtrs Det-7M Act. 1 Jun 1928
Redes. VJ-7M 1 Mar 1929
Redes. VJ-2M 1 Jul 1937
Redes. VMJ-252 1 Jul 1941
Redes. VMR-252 1 Apr 1945
Redes. VMGR-252 1 Feb 1962

VMGR-352
VMJ-352 Act. 1 Apr 1943
Redes. VMR-352 10 Jun 1944
Redes. VMGR-352 1 Mar 1961

VMGR-452
VMGR-452 Act. 8 Sep 1988

Helicopter Training Squadrons

HMMT-164*
HMM-164 Act. 1 Jul 1964
Redes. HMMT-164 1 Mar 1999

HMT-301
HMMT-301 Act. 1 Apr 1966
Redes. HMHT-301 1 May 1968
Redes. HMT-301 1 Apr 1972
Deact. 30 Sep 1993
React. 24 Aug 1995

HMT-302
HMMT-302 Act. 1 Nov 1966
Deact. 31 Mar 1972
React. as HMT-302 20 Nov 1987

HMT-303
HMT-303 Act. 30 Apr 1982

Helicopter Squadron Experimental/ Executive Transport

HMX-1
HMX-1 Act. 1 Dec 1947

Aerial Refueler Transport Training Squadron

VMGRT-253
VMGRT-253 Act. 1 Oct 1986

Fighter Attack Training Squadron

VMFAT-101
VMFAT-101 Act. 3 Jan 1969

Fighter Training Squadron

VMFT-401
VMFT-401 Act. 18 Mar 1986

Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron

VMMT-204
HMT-204 Act. 1 Mar 1972
Redes. VMMT-204 10 Jun 1999

Attack Training Squadron

VMAT-203
VMT-1 Act. 1 Jul 1947
Deact. 30 Nov 1951
React. 1 Jul 1958
Deact. 4 Dec 1967
React. as VMT-203 5 Dec 1967
Redes. VMAT-203 1 May 1972

Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons

VMAQ-1
VMC-1 Act. 15 Sep 1952
Deact. 1975
React. as VMAQ-2 Det X 1977
Redes. VMAQ-1 1992

VMAQ-2
VMC-2 Act. 15 Sep 1952
Redes. VMCJ-2 1 Dec 1955
Redes. VMAQ-2 1 Jul 1975

VMAQ-3
VMC-3 Act. 15 Oct 1952
Redes. VMAQ-3 1 Jul 1975

VMAQ-4
VMAQ-4 Act. 21 May 1981
Deact. 1 Oct 1992
React. 2 Oct 1992

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadrons

VMU-1
1st Remotely Piloted Vehicle
Company Act. 21 Jan 1987
1st and 3d RPV Co. combined to
form 1st UAV Co. on 6 Jan 1994
Redes. VMU-1 16 Jan 1996

VMU-2
2d Remotely Piloted Vehicle
Company Act. 31 Oct 1986
Redes. 2d UAV Co. 1 Jan 1993
Redes. VMU-2 16 Jan 1996

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Background Information

1. When a squadron is redesignated, it normally continues to use the previously approved insignia and requests a change to the designation in the lower scroll.

2. The squadrons indicated by an asterisk have continued to use the insignia from a former designation but have not officially updated the lower scroll.

Key to Abbreviations

Act., Activated — React., Reactivated — Deact., Deactivated — * Scroll reflects prior designation — ** The term Fighting was replaced by Fighter