

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing G2

The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing was commissioned on November 10, 1942, at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina.

The Wing's combat history began with the deployment of a bomber squadron on December 3, 1943. On April 21, 1944, the Wing boarded three carriers to Hawaii where it assumed the functions of Marine Air, Hawaii Area. Once the Japanese surrendered, 3rd MAW was decommissioned.

In 1952 the Wing was reactivated at Cherry Point for the Korean War. The main portion of the Wing began moving to the new MCAS Miami, Florida. In September 1955, the Wing left Miami for MCAS El Toro, California. At the end of the Vietnam War several units were brought back to the United States and deactivated or re-designated, creating the 3rd MAW of today.

In the fall of 2002, 3rd MAW deployed forces to Kuwait in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. 3rd MAW continued to deploy in support of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to include the 3rd MAW (Forward) Headquarters at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan in 2010, 2012, and 2014.