# ORDER of BATTLE 3 U.S. MARINES

## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS IN WORLD WAR II KEY BATTLES

### > LANDING ON GUADALCANAL



The US landing force (around 11, 000 men) on



Guadalcanal was under the command of Marine Major General **ALEXANDER** ARCHER VANDEGRIFT.



1st Marines Division insignia commemorating the division's sacrifices and victory in the Battle for Guadalcanal.

### > ASSAULT ON BETIO (TARAWA ATOLL)



Hawkins Field was named in honor of USMC 1st Lt.



WILLIAM DEAN HAWKINS who was killed in the battle to recapture Tarawa, and earned the Medal of Honor.

United States Marines seized the airfield as a target of the operation, to enable USAAF land-based air operations against the Japanese in the Marshall Islands.



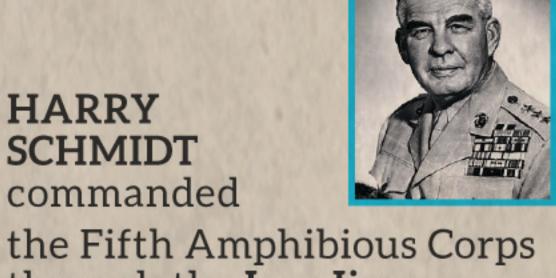
The scarlet and gold spearhead-shaped shoulder patch was designed and

authorized in late 1943 for wear by 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division units serving in the Pacific Theater.

### > THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA



**HARRY SCHMIDT** commanded

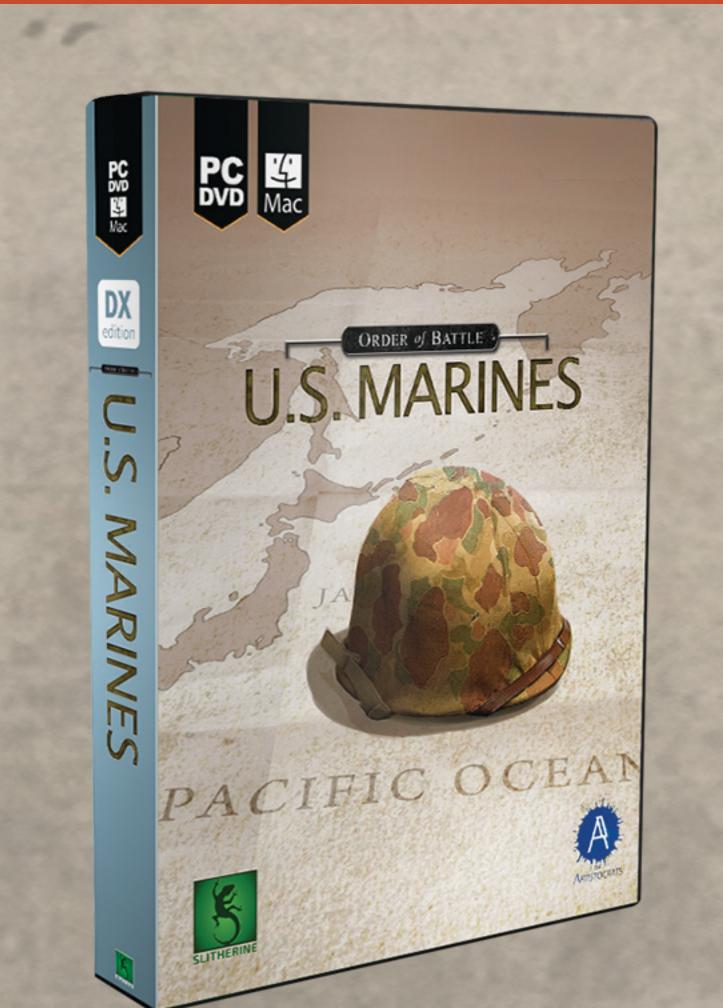


through the Iwo Jima operation and was awarded a second Gold Star in lieu of a third Distinguished Service Medal for his part in this operation.



THE V AMPHIBIOUS CORPS (VAC)

was a formation of the United States Marine Corps which was composed of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions in World War II.



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TULAGI - GUADALCANAL - MUNDA POINT

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MARSHALL ISLANDS - SAIPAN - GUAM - PALAU - IWO JIMA



