

*TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION*  
*OF THE*  
*MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION*

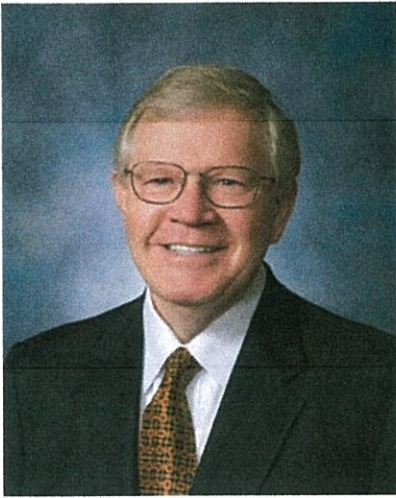


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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION



Our MCEA membership welcomes you to this annual ritual of business meeting, socializing, revitalization and conferring awards to Marines who have demonstrated performance in their assignments above and beyond expectation. This year's reunion and awards banquet are designed to duplicate successful events of the past, capitalize on opportunities for the future, recognize and honor a new group of superior active duty Marine Corps Engineers and move forward at quickstep toward new goals and objectives.

As we have since 1998, this evening we will recognize and confer special honor to the **"Best of the Best"** Marine Corps Engineers, EOD, and Society of American Military Engineer Marines and Engineer Unit of the Year Awards. These active duty Marines and units have been nominated, evaluated by a distinguished board of judges convened at Headquarters, Marine Corps, and selected as performing their duties at the highest level of achievement above and beyond the call of duty.

As of this writing, most of the award winners will be in attendance with their family and guests. Others who, by virtue of current assignment or remote location, are unable to attend in person, will be presented their award at a suitable ceremony before their parent unit. In both instances, we will be providing photos and acknowledgement for each in the 2019 Annual MCEA Newsletter to all members.

Speaking for the entire MCEA membership, I extend our sincere congratulations to the award winners for your actions on behalf of Corps and Country. Your past and ongoing efforts to excel in your performance of duty honor not only your own service, but continue the long heritage of Marine Engineers who preceded you. Ours is a rich and storied history of direct combat action in support of operations to attain success on the battlefield and beyond. Your leadership by example will motivate those with whom you serve today and inspire those who will follow in your footsteps tomorrow.

Congratulations to the Marine of the Year and Marine Corps Unit of the Year in each category. Well done, Marines!

Enjoy the reunion and the outstanding events we will share together. I look forward to spending time with each of you.

Engineers Up!

*Charlie*

Charlie Dismore  
Major, USMC (Ret)



## **GUEST OF HONOR**

### **Brigadier General Joe Schroedel, USA (Ret), P.E., F.SAME**

#### **Executive Director, Society of American Military Engineers**



Brig. Gen. Joseph "Joe" Schroedel, P.E., F.SAME, USA (Ret.) became SAME Executive Director in August 2014. He joined SAME from Parsons Brinckerhoff, which he joined after a 34-year career with the U.S. Army. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor in the Graduate Construction Management Program at George Mason University.

As Executive Director, Gen. Schroedel leads an organization comprising 105 Posts around the world with nearly 30,000 members, including uniform service members, civilians with the federal government as well as state and local agencies, academics, college students, and professionals from across the architecture, engineering and construction industry and related fields such as environmental remediation and facility asset management.

Among Gen. Schroedel's assignments with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), he served as Commanding General, USACE South Atlantic Division, and Commanding General, USACE South Pacific Division. From 2006–2009, as Commanding General of USACE South Atlantic Division, he led a 5,000-person workforce in the management and execution of a \$4 billion military and civil works engineering, construction and environmental program. He worked directly with federal, tribal, state and local officials to understand their needs, garner authority and resources and execute solutions. Before that, as Commanding General, USACE South Pacific Division, Gen. Schroedel oversaw a \$3 billion military and civil works program across 10 western states. He served as Deputy Commander, USACE Gulf Region Division, 2004; Chief of Staff, HQ USACE, 2002–2003; and Executive Officer to the Secretary of the Army 1999–2002, during which time following the events of Sept. 11, 2001, he led a task force to develop a concept that would ultimately become the Department of Homeland Security.

With Parsons Brinckerhoff, he led an Executive Leadership Team for Water Infrastructure. He helped lead reconstruction efforts in Haiti, served as Project Manager for the Maryland Transportation Authority System Preservation Program, and was Project Manager for construction of the Medupi Power Plant in Lephalale, South Africa.

Gen. Schroedel became an SAME member in 1990 and was invested in the Academy of Fellows in 2013. He has served in a number of volunteer leadership positions, including Western Regional Vice President 2003–2006 and Founder and inaugural President of the Baghdad Post, 2004.

Gen. Schroedel is a 1975 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He also holds a Master of Civil Engineering from University of Illinois, a Master of Military Art and Science from the Command and General Staff College, and a Master of National Security Strategy from the National War College.

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The mission of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is to "lead collaborative efforts to identify and resolve national security infrastructure-related challenges." Founded in 1920, SAME unites public and private sector individuals and organizations across the architecture, engineering, construction, environmental and facility management, cyber security, planning, contracting, and related disciplines in support of national security. SAME consists of 105 Posts and more than 50 Student Chapters and Field Chapters around the world along with a national office staff. Nationally, the organization is led by a volunteer Board of Direction that comprises five National Officers, 17 Regional Vice Presidents, Chairs of the Mission Committees & Councils, as well as 12 Elected Directors who serve three-year terms and are elected in groups of four annually.



## 2018 MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>NOMINATING CMD</u>
COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	CAPT KYLE M. ZENOR	7 <sup>TH</sup> ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	SSGT TRAVIS J. ROMENESCO	1 <sup>ST</sup> CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	CPL DAVID R. RICKETTS	CLD-5
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	L/CPL ANGEL R. GARCIA	1 <sup>ST</sup> CEB
ENGR EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO4 CRAIG S. POLLEY	6 <sup>TH</sup> ESB
ENGR EQUIPMENT SNCO	GYSGT DAVID W. HAMAKER	CLB 8
ENGR EQUIPMENT NCO	SGT JOSE U. OROZCO	CLD-5
ENGR EQUIPMENT MARINE	L/CPL MARC A. JELLISON	CLD-5
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO2 BENNY S. LANE	MWSS 372
UTILITIES SNCO	SSGT LUIS LARIOS	9 <sup>TH</sup> COMM
UTILITIES NCO	SGT JAMES M. BERRINISHANER	8 <sup>TH</sup> ESB
UTILITIES MARINE	CPL JECIKA M. RICO	MWSS 372
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO3 CHRISTOPHER G. CAMPBELL	MWSS 373
BULK FUEL SNCO	SSGT ROSS G. WOOLARD	MWSS 274
BULK FUEL NCO	CPL JARED H. VANDER LAAN	CLB 4
BULK FUEL MARINE	LCPL ABRIL A. VELASQUEZ	7 <sup>TH</sup> ESB
EOD OFFICER	CWO2 BERNARD J. COYNE	9 <sup>TH</sup> ESB
EOD TECHNICIAN	GYSGT EDWARD J. CONNOR	CLD-5
COMBAT ENGINEER BN	1 <sup>ST</sup> COMBAT ENGINEER BN	1 <sup>ST</sup> MARDIV
ENGINEER SUPPORT BN	6 <sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BN	4 <sup>TH</sup> MLG
MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY	ENGINEER COMPANY, MWSS 273	3 <sup>RD</sup> MAW
SAME OFFICER OF THE YEAR	CWO 4 DANILO A. MCCABE	FORT LEE MCD
SAME SNCO OF THE YEAR	SSGT CLAYTON W. LEATHERWOOD	FORT LEE MCD



## MISSING MAN TABLE & HONORS CEREMONY

I call your attention to the table at my right; it is reserved to honor our missing comrades in arms. In addition to the over 83K POWS & MIAs, I include those Killed in Action, since they certainly deserve our recognition and honors; Our Assn has made a concerted effort to identify all those Marines & Corpsmen who died in conflicts while assigned to USMC Engineer units. To date, we've identified 911, beginning with WW II and which includes 20 Marines from 2d Combat Engineer Battalion, who were killed 29 years ago in the Beirut bombing, while attached to 24th MAU. This was a seminal event in the history of terrorism.

Some here in this room were very young when they were sent into combat and all Americans should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call. I would like to explain the meaning of the items on this special table.

The table is round -- to show our everlasting concern for our missing service personnel.

The tablecloth is white -- symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.

The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of the missing, and their loved ones and friends of these Americans who keep the faith, awaiting answers.

The vase is tied with a red ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land.

A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers.

The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God.

The glass is inverted -- to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast.

The chair is empty -- they are absent.

Please stand and let us raise our glasses in a toast to honor America's POW/MIAs and to the success of our efforts to account for them.



# **2018 Marine Corps Engineer Awards Banquet**

**September 28, 2018**

## **Sequence of Events**

1800 – Reception and Social Hour

1900 – Opening Ceremony

Marine Corps Color Guard and Bagpiper Entry

Presentation of the Colors and National Anthem

Introduction of Chaplain

Invocation

Missing Man Table Ceremony & Toast

Bagpiper – “Amazing Grace”

1920 – Dinner Service

2000 – President’s Welcome

Recognition of Special Guests

Introduction of MCEA Executive Committee

2015 – Introduction of Guest of Honor: BGen Joseph Schroedel, USA (Ret)

Guest of Honor Remarks

2018 Marine Corps Engineer Association & Sponsor Individual  
Awards

2018 Marine Corps Engineer Association Unit Awards

2018 SAME Marine Corps Engineer Awards Presentation

President’s Closing Remarks

Chaplain’s Benediction

Bagpiper’s Retreat: “Anchors Aweigh” and “Marines’ Hymn”



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**CAPTAIN KYLE M. ZENOR  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER ADVISOR, TASK FORCE LION, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE, FROM 1 APRIL 2017 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2018. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, CAPTAIN ZENOR DEMONSTRATED GREAT LEADERSHIP AND ENGINEERING ACUMEN, AND DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE COALITION EFFORT TO DEFEAT THE FINAL COMBAT ELEMENTS OF THE ISLAMIC STATE IN IRAQ AND SYRIA. SERVING IN A BILLET WITHOUT TROOPS ASSIGNED, HE DEMONSTRATED GREAT INITIATIVE, FORESIGHT, AND LEADERSHIP IN TASK ORGANIZING RECONNAISSANCE AND EXPLOSIVE OBSTACLE CLEARANCE TEAMS ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS TO ESTABLISH TACTICAL ASSEMBLY AREAS AND OPERATING POSTS. HIS KNOWLEDGE, LEADERSHIP, AND PERSONAL EFFORT, AMID A HOSTILE ENEMY, LETHAL ENEMY FIRE IN A RESOURCE-CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT, POSTURED U.S. AND COALITION FORCES TO PROSECUTE THE COALITION CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISIS, SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED FORCE PROTECTION FOR FRIENDLY FORCES, AND DEMONSTRATED INGENUITY IN THE FACE OF GREAT CHALLENGE TO THE IRAQI ENGINEERS HE WAS ADVISING AND ASSISTING. ADDITIONALLY, HIS COORDINATION OF TRAINING FOR 90 U.S. AND COALITION MILITARY EOD TECHNICIANS AND ENGINEERS, CONTRIBUTED TO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE REDUCTION OF EXPLOSIVE OBSTACLES AND PREVENTED THE DEATH OF U.S. AND COALITION MILITARY MEMBERS. CAPTAIN ZENOR'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**COMBAT ENGINEER STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT TRAVIS J. ROMENESKO  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS PLATOON GUIDE, 1<sup>ST</sup> PLATOON, COMPANY C, 1<sup>ST</sup> COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 1<sup>ST</sup> MARINE DIVISION WHILE ATTACHED TO 2D BATTALION, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARINE REGIMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. STAFF SERGEANT ROMENESKO'S SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND COMPLETE DEDICATION TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT DIRECTLY ENHANCED AND LED TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS BATTALION'S PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING AND COMPLETION OF MULTIPLE COMBAT OPERATIONS WHILE DEPLOYED. HIS ABILITY TO PERFORM IN ANY SITUATION AND AUSTERE ENVIRONMENT SET AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE FOR EVERY MARINE IN THE PLATOON. DURING PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING, HE PROVIDED LEADERSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE BASED EXPERIENCE DURING 12 DIFFERENT FIELD EXERCISES RANGING FROM DEMOLITIONS TO LIVE FIRE AND MANEUVER RANGES. WHILE DEPLOYED, HE LED MULTIPLE MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE, TO INCLUDE OPERATION DESERT LION IN AL ANBAR PROVINCE, IRAQ. DURING THIS OPERATION HE LED HIS TEAM IN THE CLEARANCE OF OVER FIVE AND A HALF SQUARE KILOMETERS OF EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS, WHICH ALLOWED THREE EXPEDITIONARY FIRE BASES TO BE CONSTRUCTED. THESE FIRE BASES SUPPORTED IRAQI SECURITY FORCES DURING THEIR FINAL PUSH TO CLEAR ISLAMIC STATE FIGHTERS FROM IRAQ. HIS DEPTH AND BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE ENGINEER FIELD SERVED AS A SOURCE OF TEACHING AND MOTIVATION FOR HIS MARINES, AND DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORTS OF THE TASK FORCE AND INEVITABLY LED TO MISSION SUCCESS. STAFF SERGEANT ROMENESKO'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**COMBAT ENGINEER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**CORPORAL DAVID R. RICKETTS, II  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS COMBAT ENGINEER, COMBAT LOGISTICS DETACHMENT 5, LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE – CRISIS RESPONSE – CENTRAL COMMAND, FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. DURING PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING, HIS PROFICIENCY IN HIS OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CROSS TRAINING 17 NON-COMBAT ENGINEERS IN VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION. DURING MOUNTAIN TRAINING EXERCISE 4-17, BRIDGEPORT CALIFORNIA, HE SERVED AS SITE FOREMAN FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NON-STANDARD FOOTBRIDGE THAT DIRECTLY SUPPORTED THE MOUNTAIN WAREFARE TRAINING CENTER. THIS BRIDGE PERMITTED A PREVIOUSLY CLOSED ROUTE TO MOUNTED AND DISMOUNTED OPERATIONS TO RESUME IN THE TRAINING AREA. WHILE DEPLOYED, HE SUPERVISED 26 VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TOTALING 250 MAN HOURS. HE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED SEVEN STRUCTURES THAT GREATLY INCREASED THE HOLDING CAPACITY FOR MAIL WHICH ENHANCED POSTAL SERVICE EFFICIENCY. AN EQUIPMENT SHORTFALL WITHIN THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE WAS IDENTIFIED, WHERE HE INNOVATED 15 SHORING DEVICES, INCREASING SAFE EMBARKATION OF TACTICAL VEHICLES. WHILE SERVING WITH THE FORWARD LOGISTICS ELEMENT GEOGRAPHICALLY INDEPENDENT FROM HIS OWN COMMAND, HE SUPPORTED UNITED STATES ARMY TASK FORCE SLUGGER ABOARD TACTICAL ASSEMBLY AREA AL QAIM DURING OPERATION DESERT LION. HE CONSTRUCTED 11 GUARD POSTS AND IDENTIFIED A CRITICAL VULNERABILITY WHICH LED TO INNOVATION OF OVERHEAD PROTECTION BY USING EXISTING RAILROAD TIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION. HE LED A TEAM OF ENGINEERS TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTION OF A LIVE FIRE AND MANEUVER RANGE OUTSIDE OF CAMP TITIN, JORDAN. THIS RANGE DIRECTLY ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES BY FACILITATING UNILATERAL TRAINING THROUGH A COMPLEX RANGE OF DISCIPLINES. CORPORAL RICKETTS' EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, UNRELENTING PERSEVERANCE, AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL ANGEL R. GARCIA  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS TEAM LEADER, 2D PLATOON, COMPANY B AND TEAM LEADER, 3D PLATOON, COMPANY C, 1<sup>ST</sup> COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 1<sup>ST</sup> MARINE DIVISION FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. DURING THIS PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL GARCIA'S ABILITIES TO INTEGRATE ENGINEER SUPPORT AND THE LEADERSHIP HE PROVIDED FOR HIS MARINES DISTINGUISHED HIM AS AN EXEMPLARY MARINE LEADER. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS DURING MEU 17.2'S DEPLOYMENT LED TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF FOUR COMBINED ARMS EXERCISES FOR I COMPANY, 3D BATTALION, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARINES. LANCE CORPORAL GARCIA ENHANCED THE PROFICIENCY OF THE OVER 130 MARINES OF I COMPANY THROUGH CLASSES HE INSTRUCTED IN DEMOLITION, ROUTE CLEARANCE, SHOULDER FIRED MULTI-PURPOSE ASSAULT WEAPON AND OBSTACLE CONSTRUCTION. DUE TO HIS EFFECTIVENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF HIS MOS, HE WAS HEAVILY RELIED UPON BY SUPPORTED INFANTRY COMPANY AND ENGINEER PLATOON THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT. SIX WEEKS AFTER DEPLOYMENT, LANCE CORPORAL GARCIA EXECUTED INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 2-18 IN SUPPORT OF I COMPANY, 3D BATTALION, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARINES. DURING THE EXERCISE, HE PROVIDED BREACHING SUPPORT FOR SIX LIVE FIRE RANGES AND PROVED NEW OBSTACLE BREACHING MARKING METHODS. HIS EFFORTS ENABLED I COMPANY TO SUCCESSFULLY MANEUVER AND SECURE THEIR OBJECTIVES. HIS INNOVATIVE THINKING AND DRIVE TO SUCCEED ALLOWED HIS PLATOON TO COMPLETE INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 2-18 WITHOUT MISHAP, COMPLETING PRE DEPLOYMENT TRAINING FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND 18.2 DEPLOYMENT. LANCE CORPORAL GARCIA'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 CRAIG S. POLLEY  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER, LOGISTICS OFFICER, ANTI-TERRORISM OFFICER, AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER, 6<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 4<sup>TH</sup> MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. DURING THIS PERIOD, CWO4 POLLEY LED ALL EFFORTS TO SUSTAIN A READINESS RATE OF 95.98% ON 580 REPORTABLE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WORTH OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN A BATTALION OF OVER 2,000 PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTED OVER 11 REMOTE SITES IN 9 DIFFERENT STATES. HE TOOK THE INITIATIVE BY CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING ALLOWANCE REVIEW IN WHICH HE PERSONALLY MADE 1,381 RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO BEST STREAMLINE MAINTENANCE EFFORTS FOR ALL 11 SITES. WORKING OUTSIDE OF HIS MOS, AND AS THE BATTALION S-4 OIC, HE PROVIDED CRITICAL LOGISTICAL SOLUTIONS TO THE PLANNING PROCESS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF 25 MAJOR EXERCISES, 29 ANNUAL TRAINING EVENTS WHILE ENSURING THE TIMELY AND SAFE EMBARKATION OF OVER 2,600 SHORT TONS OF EQUIPMENT TO GLOBAL DESTINATIONS. WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY SERVING AS THE BATTALION ANTI-TERRORISM OFFICER, HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY PRODUCED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WHICH RECEIVED THE HIGHEST GRADES POSSIBLE ON FOUR SEARATE INSPECTIONS FROM MARINE FORCES RESERVE, THUS GREATLY MITIGATING THE RISKS THE MARINES FACE AT THEIR HOME TRAINING CENTERS ON A DAILY BASIS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 POLLEY'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, INITIATIVE, AND TOTAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING  
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**GUNNERY SERGEANT DAVID W. HAMAKER  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT CHIEF, ENGINEER SERVICE COMPANY, COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 8, COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT 2, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, II MEF, CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, GUNNERY SERGEANT HAMAKER DEMONSTRATED SUSTAINED MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS OPERATIONS CHIEF WITH THE LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT, BLACK SEA ROTATIONAL FORCE 17.1, MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU, ROMANIA. WHILE DEPLOYED, GUNNERY SERGEANT HAMAKER SUPERVISED LIMITED TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS FOR 710 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT VALUED AT MORE THAN \$46 MILLION. DETERMINING EXTREMELY LOW MATERIAL READINESS, HE LED HIS TEAM TO EXECUTE 145 SERVICE REQUESTS IN LESS THAN 90 DAYS, RESULTING IN 62 MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSET READINESS INCREASING FROM 21% TO 91%. THIS ENABLED 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, 2D MARINES TO CONDUCT THEATER SECURITY AND CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS IN SIX DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. FURTHER, HE PROPOSED NEW POLICIES FOR MARINE CORPS FORCES EUROPE AND AFRICA THAT REDUCED CUSTOMER LOST SHIPMENTS FROM AN AVERAGE OF 120 DAYS TO 11 DAYS, WHICH DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED MAINTENANCE CYCLE TIME THROUGHOUT THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS. FINALLY, WHILE SERVING AS COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 8 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT CHIEF, GUNNERY SERGEANT HAMAKER DIRECTLY SUPERVISED THE CREATION OF 17 MAINTENANCE BILLETS, PROCESSING OF 25 WARRANTY CLAIMS AND PRODUCT QUALITY DEFICIENCY REPORTS, CALIBRATIONS AND MODIFICATION ACTIONS RESULTING IN NEAR 100% COMPLIANCE FOR ALL AREAS. GUNNERY SERGEANT HAMAKER'S LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND UNMATCHED WORK ETHIC AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**SERGEANT JOSE U. OROZCO  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, COMBAT LOGISTICS DETACHMENT 5, LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF–CRISIS RESPONSE – CENTRAL COMMAND FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. DURING PRE-DEPLOYMENT, HE SERVED AS LOGISTICS CHIEF FOR JTF NORTH UNITED STATES BORDER OPNS, WITH ACCOUNTABILITY OF \$5.3 MILLION OF EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTED A 1.5 MILE ALL WEATHER ROAD IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. DURING MOUNTAIN TRAINING, HE SUPERVISED ROAD MAINTENANCE FACILITATING OPENING OF THE BASE PISTOL RANGE, AND FIRE BREAK MAINTENANCE SUPPORTING BASE PERSONNEL AND MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER MAINTENANCE. WHILE DEPLOYED, HE LED ENGINEERS TO IMPROVE FORCE PROTECTION AT TACTICAL ASSEMBLY AREA AL QAIM. HE SUPERVISED CONSTRUCTION OF 11 GUARD POSTS THAT ALLOWED SECURITY FORCES TO ACHIEVE INTERLOCKING FIELDS OF FIRE AND SINGLE-ENTRY CONTROL POINT. HIS EFFORTS DIRECTLY IMPROVED TASK FORCE SLUGGER REAR AREA SECURITY DURING OPERATION DESERT LION FOR THE FINAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA. SERGEANT OROZCO LED ANOTHER TEAM OF ENGINEERS TO IMPROVE FORCE PROTECTION AT ADVANCED BASE EAST, SYRIA. HE SUPERVISED IMPROVEMENT OF PERIMETER BERMS TOTALING 200,000 SQ YDS; INCREASING THESE BERMS FROM 5 TO 17 FEET PREVENTED DIRECT FIRE WEAPONS AND ENEMY OBSERVATION, DRAMATICALLY INCREASING SAFETY FOR COALITION FORCES. HIS EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, UNRELENTING PERSEVERANCE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL MARC A. JELLISON  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, CLD 5, LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT, SPMAGTF-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND, FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. DURING PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING, HE ASSISTED CAMP PENDLETON'S FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIVISION IN FIRE BREAK MAINTENANCE TOTALING 135 EQUIPMENT HOURS AND 15K LOOSE CUBIC YARDS DISPLACED. HIS ACTIONS ENSURED THE SAFETY OF ON-BASE PERSONNEL DURING CALIFORNIA'S DRY SEASON. OPERATING OUTSIDE OF MOUNTAIN TRAINING, HE SKILLFULLY USED THE 120M MOTORIZED GRADER ON THE DAMAGED ROAD NEEDED FOR ACCESS TO THE PISTOL RANGE. WHILE DEPLOYED TO AL JABER AIR BASE, KUWAIT, HE SUPPORTED BOTH THE SPMAGTF AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE IN MATERIAL HANDLING OPERATIONS TOTALING 1.65 MILLION POUNDS OF CARGO MOVED, 185 MAN HOURS, 178 EQUIPMENT HOURS, AND MOVED FIVE 6,500 GALLON FUEL TANKS USED TO UPGRADE THE POWER PLANT'S FUEL FARM. HIS EFFORTS ALLOWED OPERATIONS AT THE POWER PLANT NECESSARY FOR LIFE SUPPORT OF 184 TENTS, 256 AIR CONDITIONERS, AND QUARTERS FOR 3,000 PERSONNEL. IN SUPPORT OF TASK FORCE LION, HE ASSISTED IMPROVEMENT ABOARD TACTICAL ASSEMBLY AREA AL QAIM WHERE HE GRADED A LANDING ZONE FACILITATING SAFE LANDING OF COALITION HELICOPTERS WITHIN THE PERIMETER AND REDUCED TIME REQUIRED TO EVACUATE CAUSALITIES. ABOARD ADVANCED OPERATING BASE EAST, SYRIA, HE WAS VITAL IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOAD AMMUNITION HOLDING AREA AND A RANGE INSIDE THE PERIMETER. THIS RANGE FACILITATED 450 COALITION MEMBERS TO SUSTAIN THEIR MARKSMANSHIP SKILLS. LANCE CORPORAL JELLISON'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, UNRELENTING PERSEVERANCE, AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 BENNY S. LANE  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS UTILITIES OFFICER, ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 39, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. DURING THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 LANE DEPLOYED TO AL JABER AIR BASE, KUWAIT, IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND 17.2. WHILE FORWARD DEPLOYED, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 LANE WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR UTILITIES, HEAVY EQUIPMENT, MOTOR TRANSPORT, AND COMBAT ENGINEER SUPPORT TO ENABLE AVIATION COMBAT ELEMENT OPERATIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF COMBAT OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT IRAQ. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING CRITICAL AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 LANE SERVED AS THE HYBRID LOGISTICS OFFICER FOR MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, OVERSEEING EFFORTS IN ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING, THE NIBBLER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM, AND WATER STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION. UPON REDEPLOYMENT FROM KUWAIT, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 LANE CONTINUED TO ADVANCE THE KNOWLEDGE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE SQUADRON WITHIN ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING BY REACHING OUT TO DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO TRAIN AND NETWORK THE MARINES UNDER HIS CHARGE. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 LANE HAD A PROFOUND POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE SQUADRON'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT, CONTRIBUTING DIRECTLY TO THE SUCCESS OF MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372'S DEPLOYMENT. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 LANE'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**UTILITIES STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT LUIS LARIOS  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS UTILITIES OPERATIONS CHIEF, 9<sup>TH</sup> COMMUNICATION BATTALION, 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE INFORMATION GROUP, 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. STAFF SERGEANT LARIOS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A COMPLEX PLATOON THAT CONSISTED OF 87 MARINES WITH EIGHT DIFFERENT MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES ACROSS THE ENGINEER AND UTILITIES COMMUNITY. THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE, HE ENABLED A HIGH STATE OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL READINESS WHICH RESULTED IN THE SUCCESS OF MULTIPLE BATTALION AND MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE LEVEL EXERCISES. HE SKILLFULLY LED AND DIRECTED THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF 10 TACTICAL POWER GRIDS CONSISTING OF 44 PRINCIPAL END ITEMS VALUED AT MORE THAN \$600,000. THESE POWER GRIDS PROVIDED 8,726 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS POWER, CONSISTING OF 169,340 WATTS AND 624,000 BRITISH THERMAL UNITS. DURING I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE EXERCISE 1-18, STAFF SERGEANT LARIOS PROVIDED 206,000 WATTS OF UNINTERRUPTED POWER FOR 768 HOURS AND 708,000 BRITISH THERMAL UNITS ACROSS EIGHT INDEPENDENT TACTICAL POWER GRIDS. HIS EFFORTS SUSTAINED TWO DISPARATE COMMUNICATIONS NODES THAT ENABLED PERSISTENT INFORMATION NETWORKS IN SUPPORT OF THE 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE COMMANDING GENERAL'S ABILITY TO EXERCISE COMMAND AND CONTROL WITHIN A DENIED OR DEGRADED ENVIRONMENT. STAFF SERGEANT LARIOS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, EXTRAORDINARY FERVOR, AND SELFLESS DEVOTION TO DUTY. STAFF SERGEANT LARIOS' INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**UTILITIES NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**SERGEANT JAMES M. BERRINISHANER  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

SERGEANT BERRINISHANER EXEMPLIFIED TIRELESS DEDICATION TO DUTY AND EXHIBITED THE ABILITY TO MANAGE MULTIPLE COMPETING PRIORITIES WHILE SERVING AS PLATOON SERGEANT, UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 8<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. WHILE SERVING AS UTILITIES SECTION LEADER AND ASSISTANT SITE MANAGER, BELIZE DETACHMENT, LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE – SOUTHERN COMMAND FROM JUNE 2017 TO OCTOBER 2017, SERGEANT BERRINISHANER DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF THROUGH SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AS HE LED A DETACHMENT OF 33 PERSONNEL TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF 14,000 SF HOSPITAL RENOVATION WITH INSTALLATION OF 1 MAIN AND 8 SUB-ELECTRICAL PANELS WITH OVER 150 BRANCH CIRCUITS. HE CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAINED STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSISTED IN ALL AREAS OF SUPPORT TO ATTAIN LAUNDRY SERVICES, PURCHASE BULK WATER, AND ENSURE THAT ALL MARINES REMAINED CURRENT WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARDS. ESSENTIAL TO PROJECT COMPLETION, SERGEANT BERRINISHANER DEVELOPED SOLUTIONS TO FIND VITAL MATERIALS WHEN OPTIONS WERE UNAVAILABLE FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. AS UTILITIES PLATOON SERGEANT, HE MANAGED DAILY OPERATIONS OF A PLATOON OF 150 MARINES. HE MANAGED MULTIPLE PROJECTS, BALANCED THE WELFARE OF HIS MARINES WITH MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT LED TO TRAINING READINESS LEVELS OF 95%. SERGEANT BERRINISHANER'S SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP, RESOURCEFULNESS, INITIATIVE AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WERE EXEMPLARY AND SET A HIGH STANDARD FOR ALL MARINES. SERGEANT BERRINISHANER'S INFLUENCE ON THE ENGINEER COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A DEFINITIVE AND LASTING IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF MARINE CORPS ENGINEER OPERATIONS.



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**UTILITIES MARINE OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**CORPORAL JECIKA M. RICO  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ELECTRICIAN, UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 39, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018 IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND 17.2. UPON ARRIVAL AT AL JABER AIR BASE, KUWAIT, CORPORAL RICO IMMEDIATELY TOOK RESPONSIBILITY TO INSPECT AND IDENTIFY ALL DISCREPANCIES ON 81 UTILITIES PRINCIPAL END ITEMS. DUE TO HER METICULOUS ATTENTION TO DETAIL, THE RESULT WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE IN EQUIPMENT READINES FROM 84% TO 92%. DEMONSTRATING VERSATILITY OUTSIDE HER PRIMARY MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY, SHE WORKED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 407<sup>TH</sup> EXPEDITIONARY CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON TO PERFORM AIRFIELD DAMAGE REPAIRS THAT ENABLED SORTIE GENERATION FOR JOINT AND COALITION AIRCRAFT. WHILE FORWARD DEPLOYED TO AL ASAD AIR BASE, IRAQ, CORPORAL RICO CONTRIBUTED TO 35 REPAIR OPERATIONS ON THE COALITION AIRFIELD AND SPEARHEADED AN INTERIOR WIRING AND PLUMBING PROJECT FOR 240 ROOMS. HER PROWESS IN THE UTILITIES MOS WAS EVIDENT AS SHE INSTALLED EIGHT SHOWER UNITS, CONSIDERABLY IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR 3,000 BASE PERSONNEL. AFTER RETURNING TO KUWAIT, CORPORAL RICO WAS LEAD MARINE ON A GENERATOR WATCH SCHEDULE THAT SUPPORTED THREE ADJACENT SQUADRONS. WHILE SUPERVISING WATCHES, HER CONSTANT VIGILANCE RESULTED IN 650 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS POWER PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION THAT ENABLED AVIATION CONTINUITY IN THE CENTRAL COMMAND AO. CORPORAL RICO'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HERSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**BULK FUEL OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CHRISTOPHER G. CAMPBELL  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL HAS DEMONSTRATED TIRELESS WORK ETHIC AND UNQUESTIONABLE PROFICIENCY WITHIN HIS MOS WHILE SERVING AS MWSS 373 BULK FUEL OFFICER IN CHARGE FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. DURING THIS TIME, HIS DRIVE FOR MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS REMARKABLE. THE SQUADRON'S SUCCESS IN CONDUCTING INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 3-17 AND DEPLOYING IN SUPPORT OF THE SPMAGTF-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND COME AS A DIRECT RESULT OF CWO 3 CAMPBELL'S TECHNICAL SKILL, RESOURCEFULNESS, AND DEDICATION TO PROVIDING THE BEST AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT. THROUGHOUT INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 3-17, CWO 3 CAMPBELL'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE PLANNING, COORDINATION AND EXECUTION OF NUMEROUS HIGH-RISK TRAINING EVENTS ALLOWED HIS BULK FUEL SECTION TO DELIVER THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF FUEL IN A TACTICAL ENVIRONMENT. DEPLOYING IN SUPPORT OF THE SPMAGTF-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND, HIS INNOVATIVE AND RESPONSIVE APPROACH TO BULK FUEL DELIVERY ALLOWED THE TASK FORCE COMMANDER FLEXIBILITY TO SUPPORT COMBAT OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT IRAQ AND SYRIA, AS WELL AS SERVING AS STRATEGIC CRISIS RESPONSE FORCE CAPABLE OF FULFILLING ANY MISSION WITHIN THE CENTRAL COMMAND AO. HIS INITIATIVE AND LEADERSHIP LED TO HIS UNIT SUCCESSFULLY ISSUING 1.5 MILLION GALLONS OF FUEL TO OVER 900 AIRCRAFT, EXTENDING OPERATIONAL REACH FOR MARINE CORPS AIRCRAFT WITH A STREAMLINED APPROACH TO EMPLOYING HELICOPTER EXPEDITIONARY REFUELING SYSTEM. THE IMPACTS OF HIS EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD WILL BE FELT ACROSS THE MARINE CORPS FOR YEARS TO COME. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CAMPBELL'S IMPECCABLE PERSONAL REPUTATION, DISCIPLINED LEADERSHIP, AND PROFESSIONALISM ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**BULK FUEL STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT ROSS G. WOOLARD  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS OPERATIONS CHIEF AND DETACHMENT STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 274, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 29, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM APRIL 2017 TO MARCH 2018. STAFF SERGEANT WOOLARD'S VAST KNOWLEDGE, UNWAVERING PROFESSIONALISM, AND DEDICATION TO DUTY DIRECTLY RESULTED IN STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF 362,000 GALLONS OF JP-5 TO SUPPORT FIXED AND ROTARY AVIATION SQUADRONS WITHIN WESTERN EUROPE, NORTHERN AFRICA, AND THE EASTERN SEABOARD. WHILE FORWARD DEPLOYED ABOARD MORON AIR FORCE BASE, SPAIN IN SUPPORT OF SPMAGTF-CRISIS RESPONSE-AFRICA 17.1, HE METICULOUSLY DEVELOPED A STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR HOT REFUELING OPERATIONS, ULTIMATELY REDUCING TIME ON STATION FOR TRANSITIONING AIRCRAFT AND ENABLED HIGHER FLOW OF SORTIE GENERATION. DURING BOLD ALLIGATOR 2017, HE DEFTLY EXECUTED MULTIPLE FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINTS AND ORCHESTRATED TWO AVIATION REFUELING EVOLUTIONS, INCREASING THE ABILITY TO SUSTAIN OPERATIONS IN AN AUSTERE ENVIRONMENT. ADDITIONALLY, HE WAS EVALUATED BY 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING'S AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT DIVISION THROUGH A COMBAT READINESS EVALUATION AND ATTAINED NOTEWORTHY RECOGNITION TO PROVIDE UNINTERRUPTED AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT. STAFF SERGEANT WOOLARD'S TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY AND OCCUPATIONAL APTITUDE WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ALL ASSIGNED MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HIS DEVOTION TO HIS MARINES PROVIDED A SUPERIOR EXAMPLE FOR ALL MARINES. HIS INITIATIVE, EXCEPTIONAL WORK ETHIC, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**BULK FUEL NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**CORPORAL JARED H. VANDER LAAN  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS BULK FUEL SPECIALIST FOR ENGINEER SERVICES COMPANY, COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 4, COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT 3, 3D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. CORPORAL VANDER LAAN CONSISTENTLY PERFORMED HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN AN EXEMPLARY AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER. HIS SUPERB ABILITY TO DEVELOP AND SUPERVISE MULTIPLE COMPETING PRIORITIES TO INCLUDE BULK FUEL AND EMBARKATION OPERATIONS HAS BEEN CRITICAL IN THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF DAILY TASKS AND MISSION READINESS. CORPORAL VANDER LAAN'S EFFORTS AND DEDICATION WERE DISPLAYED BY THE ISSUING OF OVER 9,867 GALLONS OF JET PROPELLANTS 5 AND 8 FUEL OVER FOUR DIFFERENT EXERCISES. HIS PRECISION AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL WERE EVIDENT IN HIS EMBARKATION OF MORE THAN 50 MISSION ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO AND FROM EXERCISE COBRA GOLD 2018. CORPORAL VANDER LAAN'S DEDICATION TO DUTY AND DEPENDABILITY HAS EARNED THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF THE OFFICERS AND STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH WHOM HE WORKED. CORPORAL VANDER LAAN'S INITIATIVE, EXPERTISE AND PERFORMANCE REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**BULK FUEL MARINE OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL ABRIL A. VELASQUEZ  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS LINE WALKER, FIRE TEAM LEADER, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FIRST PLATOON, BULK FUEL COMPANY, 7<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION FROM APRIL 2017 TO MARCH 2018. DURING THIS PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL VELASQUEZ'S PERFORMANCE IN GARRISON AND FIELD EXERCISES WITH HER ENERGY, MOTIVATION, AND LEADERSHIP CAPABILITIES SET HER APART FROM HER PEERS. SHE EXHIBITED EXCEPTIONAL QUALITIES OF A MORE EXPERIENCED SPECIALIST. HER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE BULK FUEL MOS LED TO ASSIGNMENT TO TWO IMPORTANT BILLETS WITHIN HER PLATOON: HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FIRE TEAM LEADER. HER CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF HER OCCUPATIONAL FIELD, COMBINED WITH DETERMINATION AND INITIATIVE, MADE LANCE CORPORAL VELASQUEZ A NATURAL LEADER THROUGH TWO FIELD EXERCISES. DURING A COMPANY EXERCISE ABOARD MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, LANCE CORPORAL VELASQUEZ ASSISTED IN BUILDING A 120,000-GALLON FUEL FARM AND LED PERIODS OF INSTRUCTION ON FUEL SITE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS. DURING EXERCISE STEEL KNIGHT 18, LANCE CORPORAL VELASQUEZ LED 16 MARINES IN CONSTRUCTION OF A 20,000-GALLON AND A 40,000-GALLON FUEL SITE. ADDITIONALLY, SHE ACCOUNTED FOR AND REPORTED DAILY RECEIPT AND ISSUE OF FUEL TO THE SITE'S NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE. HER ACCURATE REPORTING ALLOWED FOR UNINTERRUPTED BULK FUEL SUPPORT TO TWELVE UNITS AND MORE THAN 400 VEHICLES WITH 25,000 GALLONS OF F-24 FUEL. LANCE CORPORAL VELASQUEZ'S INITIATIVE, DILIGENCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HERSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 BERNARD J. COYNE  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS OPERATIONS OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMPANY, 9<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT 35, 3D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 COYNE INITIATED A \$1.1 MILLION BUDGET FOR 10 ANNUAL EOD EXERCISES WITHIN III MEF. THIS INCLUDED FUNDING FOR TRAINING AND EXERCISES TO SUPPORT MULTIPLE EOD UNITS IN PACIFIC COMMAND'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. HE ALLOCATED RESOURCES TO BUILD AND EXECUTE COMBINED EXERCISES THAT INCLUDED BOTH KOREAN EOD EXERCISE AND KINGSWOOD. THESE EVENTS ENABLE TRAINING FOR UNITS FROM SISTER SERVICES AS WELL AS ALLIED NATIONS. HE ALSO PLANNED A JOINT BILATERAL EOD EXERCISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) – THE ONLY MARINE CORPS STAND-ALONE EOD EXERCISE. THIS EXERCISE INVOLVED MARINES, SOLDIERS, AIRMEN, AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINES OVER 20 HIGH-RISK EXPLOSIVES TRAINING EVENTS. HIS SUPERVISION OF THIS EXERCISE LED TO SAFE DESTRUCTION OF OVER 3,000 ORDNANCE ITEMS TOTALING 28,000 POUNDS, SAVING DOD HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND IMPROVING THE CAPABILITY OF SERVICE MEMEBERS STATIONED WITHIN THE FLEET MARINE FORCE AND ON THE KOREAN PENNINSULA. NOTABLY, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 COYNE HOSTED TWO MOBILE TRAINING TEAM COURSES ON OKINAWA. THESE PROVIDED MILITARY MOS TRAINING TO OVER 70 EOD TECHNICIANS AND CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR MARINES FROM III MEF. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 COYNE'S OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, INITIATIVE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR**  
**AWARD TO**

**GUNNERY SERGEANT EDWARD J. CONNOR, II**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS EOD SUPERVISOR, COMBAT LOGISTICS DETACHMENT 5, SPMAGTF-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND, FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. DISPLAYING SUPERB TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, MANAGERIAL ACUMEN, AND EXCEPTIONAL PROACTIVE APPROACH, GUNNERY SERGEANT CONNOR PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN AN EXEMPLARY AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER. HIS IMPACT THROUGH MASTERFUL EMPLOYMENT OF HIS TEAMS DEMONSTRATED THE BREADTH OF EOD CAPABILITIES. HE DIRECTED OPERATIONS SUPPORTING 12 UNITED STATES AND COALITION COMMANDS SPREAD THROUGHOUT KUWAIT, IRAQ, SYRIA, AND JORDAN AND ORCHESTRATED 200 HOURS OF EXPERTISE TO COALITION PARTNERS. HIS TEAMS REPAIRED IN EXCESS OF 80 ELECTRONIC COUNTER MEASURE SYSTEMS ACROSS EIGHT PLATFORMS. THEY PLANNED AND EXECUTED RANGES TO DISPOSE OF 215 THOUSAND ITEMS OF AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS AND HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVES. HIS TEAMS ADDRESSED 540 IED COMPONENTS, MOST NOTABLY THE IDENTIFICATION OF 20 FIRST-SEEN ENEMY WARHEADS WHICH HAD BEEN ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURED. GUNNERY SERGEANT CONNOR PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED AND GRADUATED 64 SYRIAN AND RAQQA FORCE SOLDIERS FROM COUNTER IED COURSES THAT HE DEVELOPED TO ENHANCE SURVIVABILITY OF TECHNICIANS WORKING TO REDUCE AND REMOVE EXPLOSIVES FROM RECENT ARMED CONFLICT. HIS LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT WILL HAVE LONG-LASTING IMPACT ON BOTH THE MARINE CORPS AND THE EOD COMMUNITY. GUNNERY SERGEANT CONNOR'S PROFESSIONALISM, INITIATIVE, AND SELFLESS DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**1<sup>ST</sup> COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. DURING THIS PERIOD, 1<sup>ST</sup> COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION MARKED A YEAR OF DYNAMIC INNOVATION, COMBAT READINESS, AND VISIONARY DOCTRINAL RESURGENCE AMIDST A RAPID AND UNYIELDING OPERATIONAL TEMPO. WITH RESPECT TO REAL WORLD OPERATIONS, THE BATTALION PROVIDED SPECIALLY TASK ORGANIZED ENGINEER PLATOONS TO BOTH WEST COAST AND 31<sup>ST</sup> MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNITS AND TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND. AFOREMENTIONED FORCES DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL AND PACIFIC COMMAND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY PROVIDING ENGINEER SUPPORT ACROSS THE FULL SPECTRUM OF MILITARY OPERATIONS, FROM THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION TO KINETIC ACTIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY. DURING MULTIPLE FIELD EXERCISES, THE BATTALION EXECUTED MOBILITY, COUNTER MOBILITY, SURVIVABILITY, AND LIMITED ENGINEERING TO INCREASE COMBAT EFFICIENCY IN THE SUPPORT OF MANEUVER FORCES. UNDER THE LEAD OF 1<sup>ST</sup> COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 3D AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT BATTALION, THE USS RUSHMORE, BOAT MASTER UNIT ONE, AND EXPEDITIONARY TRAINING WARFARE GROUP ONE WERE DECONFLICTED AND SYNCHRONIZED TO SET CONDITIONS FOR A LIVE-FIRE AMPHIBIOUS BREACH ON SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND DURING STEEL KNIGHT 18. STEEL KNIGHT 18 WAS A MYRIAD OF FIRSTS: THE FIRST LIVE-FIRE BREACH CONDUCTED ON SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND SINCE 1999; THE FIRST TIME ASSAULT BREACHER VEHICLES EMBARKED ON A L-CLASS SHIP; THE FIRST TIME THE MODIFIED FULL-WIDTH MINE PLOW WAS EMPLOYED IN A BREACH; THE FIRST TIME THE MK-154 MOD-1 WAS UTILIZED SINCE FIELDING; AND THE FIRST TIME THAT A LANE MARKING SYSTEM, BASED UPON THE STANDARD NAVY FLAG SCHEME WAS EMPLOYED TO MARK BREACH LANES TO IMPROVE GREEN-BLUE COMMUNICATION AND FACILITATE THE FLOW OF FOLLOW-ON LANDING WAVES. ULTIMATELY, THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND LESSONS LEARNED DURING STEEL KNIGHT 18 SET THE PRECEDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE BREACHING DOCTRINE AND PRACTICES ACROSS THE NAVAL SERVICES, GUIDING NOT ONLY COMBAT ENGINEER VISION, BUT AMPHIBIOUS ASSULT VEHICLE AND NAVY-MARINE CORPS INTEGRATION IN A CONTESTED LITTORAL ENVIRONMENT. 1<sup>ST</sup> COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THE MEMBERS OF THE BATTALION AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**6<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. DURING THIS PERIOD, 6<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED AGGRESSIVE AND SUPERIOR ENGINEERING AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO MARINE FORCES RESERVE AND THE ACTIVE DUTY COMPONENT. 6<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION EXECUTED 7,920 TRAINING HOURS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS UTILIZING OVER 2,000 MARINES IN SUPPORT OF ENGINEERING EFFORTS AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE BATTALION TRAINED, ACTIVATED AND DEPLOYED 140 MARINES IN SUPPORT OF RESERVE TRAINING AND ACTIVE COMPONENT OPERATIONS. CIVIC, COMMUNITY ACTIONS, AND FUNERAL HONORS DEMONSTRATED A DIVERSE AND DEMANDING PACE REQUIRING OVER 4,500 MAN HOURS AND 207 COMMUNITY EVENTS. 6<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION'S FOCUS AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL SUCCESSFULLY ADDRESSED ALL REQUIRED ENGINEER MISSIONS WITH LOGISTICAL SUPPORT COORDINATED, TASKED, AND COMPLETED IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER. 6<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION'S DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON THE UNIT AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON  
ENGINEER COMPANY OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY  
MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 373  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**FOR SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN PROVIDING ENGINEERING AND ESSENTIAL AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT SERVICES TO MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018. DURING THIS TIME, ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY MAINTAINED THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUPPORT TO MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR WHILE CONCURRENTLY SUPPORTING SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND 18.1 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. WITH DETACHMENTS DISPERSED THROUGHOUT AS MANY AS SIX DIFFERENT SITES AND FIVE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, THE COMPANY MAINTAINED AN EXCEPTIONAL LEVEL OF SUPPORT THROUGH SMALL UNIT LEADERSHIP AND DECENTRALIZED EXECUTION. THE ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY PROVIDED AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 363, MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 352, 2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARINE REGIMENT, COMBAT LOGISTICS DETACHMENT 5, AND THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE COMMAND ELEMENT. THE MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 373 ENGINEERS DEMONSTRATED THE UTMOST PROFICIENCY AND PROFESSIONAL ACUMEN IN REPAIRING 490 DAMAGED SECTIONS OF AIRFIELD SPANNING 7,960 SQUARE FEET, AND MARKING AN ADDITIONAL 2,500 LINEAR FEET OF RUNWAY. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 373 ENGINEERS PARTICIPATED IN EXERCISE WINTER FURY ABOARD NAVAL AUXILIARY LANDING FIELD SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND, THE MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER, AND WEAPONS AND TACTICS INSTRUCTOR COURSE ABOARD MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA. MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 373, ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE, ESPRIT DE CORPS, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DEVELOPING MARINES MORALLY, MENTALLY, AND PHYSICALLY. THE ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE IN COMBAT AND GARRISON IS EXCEPTIONAL IN EVERY REGARD AND A TRUE TESTAMENT TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS DURING THIS PERIOD. THE ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON ITS MARINES, AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.**



## **SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS**

***“We are establishing at this time a Society of American Military Engineers. This society will serve no selfish purpose. It is dedicated to patriotism and national security. Its objects are, in brief, to promote solidarity and cooperation between engineers in civil and military life, to disseminate technical knowledge bearing upon progress in the art of war and the application of engineering science thereto, and to preserve and maintain the best standards and traditions of the profession, all in the interests of patriotism and national security.”***

**The Military Engineer Magazine**

**January 1920**

With these words, published just 13 months after the end of World War 1, SAME was formed. While the organization has grown and evolved over the last 97 years, its purpose has not changed. SAME is the premier engineering association in the United States, bringing together public and private sector professionals to build connections, share lessons learned, and develop solutions to strengthen our national security.

Today, members include men and women in all United States uniform services; civilians working for federal, state and local agencies; academics; students; and architects, engineers, constructors, project and program managers, facility management and environmental practitioners, and business development and contracting professionals working for private industry firms.

SAME offers individual and corporate memberships.

In conjunction with the Marine Corps Engineer Association annual awards program, SAME is proud to sponsor two awards for outstanding performance by Marine Corps engineers working in support of Joint Service Organizations. In addition, SAME provides direct support to our Awards Banquet by sponsoring dinner for all awardees and their guest. Marine Corps engineers are a vital part of the joint engineer community.

The Society of American Military Engineers is pleased to present its annual awards recognizing the accomplishments of CWO-4 Danilo A. McCabe as 2018 USMC Engineer Officer of the Year and Staff Sergeant Clayton W. Leatherwood as 2018 USMC Engineer Staff Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.



**THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**OUTSTANDING MARINE ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 DANILO A. MCCABE  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**CWO 4 DANILO A. MCCABE IS CHOSEN BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TO RECEIVE ITS ANNUAL OUTSTANDING MARINE ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE WHILE SERVING AS DIRECTOR, BULK FUEL SCHOOL, FORT LEE, VIRGINIA. CWO 4 MCCABE MANAGED A STAFF OF 21 INSTRUCTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR COURSES RANGING FROM ENTRY TO ADVANCED PETROLEUM TRAINING. WHILE SUPERVISING THE BASIC BULK FUEL, PETROLEUM LABORATORY, ADVANCED AND PETROLEUM OFFICER COURSES, HE COORDINATED DIRECTLY WITH ARMY COUNTERPARTS AT FORT LEE, ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES AND MANAGING TRAINING EVENTS. HE MANAGED 60 ITERATIONS OF COURSES, EFFECTING THE SUCCESSFUL GRADUATION OF MORE THAN 300 STUDENTS INCLUDING MARINES, ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND COALITION PARTNERS FROM AUSTRALIA, UNITED KINGDOM, DENMARK AND SAUDI ARABIA. AS INSTRUCTOR FOR THE JOINT PETROLEUM OFFICER COURSE (POC), HE PROVIDED TRAINING FOR BULK FUEL EQUIPMENT AND JOINT SERVICE PETROLEUM RESPONSIBILITIES. MOREOVER, HE SERVED AS PRIMARY RESOURCE FOR MARINE EQUIPMENT FOR JOINT PETROLEUM LOGISTICS REGARDING FUEL INTEROPERABILITY. CWO 4 MCCABE ADVOCATED FOR INCORPORATION OF DIGITAL TRAINING TO LEVERAGE EXISTING THE ARMY DIGITAL TRAINER ENABLER (DTE) TO INCORPORATE MARINE-SPECIFIC TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS IN TRAINING. CWO 4 MCCABE'S WORK ETHIC AND DRIVE POSITIVELY IMPACTED THE JOINT SERVICE PETROLEUM ARENA. HIS EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE IS CLEARLY DESERVING OF RECOGNITION AS THE 2018 SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS MARINE ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR.**



**THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

**OUTSTANDING MARINE ENGINEER STAFF NCO OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT CLAYTON W. LEATHERWOOD  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

**STAFF SERGEANT CLAYTON W. LEATHERWOOD IS CHOSEN BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TO RECEIVE ITS ANNUAL OUTSTANDING MARINE ENGINEER STAFF NCO FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE WHILE SERVING AS COURSE CHIEF AND INSTRUCTOR FOR BULK FUEL SCHOOL, FORT LEE, VIRGINIA. AS COURSE CHIEF, STAFF SERGEANT LEATHERWOOD CONSISTENTLY DISPLAYED A HIGH LEVEL OF EXPERTISE IN THE PETROLEUM QUALITY ASSURANCE ARENA. HE AMASSED A TOTAL OF 1500 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION TO 130 STUDENTS FROM THE MARINE CORPS, ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND COALITION PARTNERS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA AND SAUDI ARABIA. DUE TO HIS EXPERTISE IN QUALITY ASSURANCE, HE WAS HAND-SELECTED AS BULK FUEL SCHOOL PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE DURING TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION OF THE EXPEDITIONARY MOBILE FUEL ADDITIZATION CAPABILITY (EMFAC), A NEW CAPABILITY PURSUED BY THE MARINE CORPS TO CONVERT NEAT JET FUEL INTO ADDITIZED JP-8/F-24. SSGT LEATHERWOOD PROVED INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES TO EFFECTIVELY EMPLOY EQUIPMENT AND COORDINATE PRE/POST PETROLEUM QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES. THIS EFFORT INCLUDED DIRECT COORDINATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY ENERGY, US ARMY TARDEC, PERSONNEL FROM THE ARMY'S 8TH THEATER AND PACIFIC COMMAND, PLUS DIRECT INTERACTION WITH THE EXPEDITIONARY ENERGY OFFICE (E2O), MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND (MARCORSYSCOM) AND ROYAL MARINES. HIS EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE IS CLEARLY DESERVING OF RECOGNITION AS 2018 SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS MARINE ENGINEER STAFF NCO OF THE YEAR.**



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION EXPRESSES GENUINE APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING CORPORATE MEMBERS, THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND OUR MEMBER SPONSORS FOR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF OUR ENGINEER BROTHERHOOD.**

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Commander Dolphus Troy  
Sponsor of the Combat Engineer Individual Awards**

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**Dr. Robert Wolff, LtCol, USA (Ret)  
Sponsor for Annual Sapper Squad Winner Table**

**MCEA WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND SINCERE GRATITUDE IN LOVING MEMORY OF MIRIAM CARLSON FOR HER PERSONALIZED DESIGN OF OUR SPECIAL GOLF SHIRT LOGOS; TO BELLE MAR INK AND THREAD FOR OUR GOLF AND T-SHIRTS; AND TO TL'S TROPHIES & COLLECTIBLES FOR PRODUCTION OF OUR AWARD PLAQUES.**



