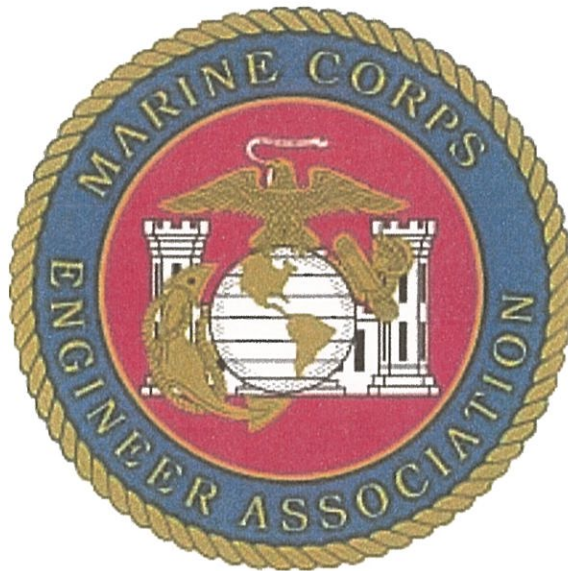


TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REUNION

OF THE

MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION



SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

12 – 14 SEPTEMBER, 2019





A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

On behalf of all Marines, I extend greetings to Marine Corps combat engineers around the world. In every conflict for the past seven decades, combat engineers have run to the sound of the guns.

The engineer community has proven adept at responding to ever changing demands throughout the years and providing crucial support to the Marine Corps and the joint operating forces. The future will bring even more changes and place greater demands on our force as the Marine Corps develops concepts to routinely operate in smaller, more dispersed formations across the range of military operations.

Your endeavors over the past year epitomize the effort required to help bring together and develop the engineer community into a more effective force, better able to provide integrated support across the Marine Corps. Our operational units require and deserve superior engineer support – you have provided that.

Congratulations to all the award recipients being recognized at this year's event. We take great pride in the performance of every Marine Corps engineer and EOD Marine, and of all those who support the engineer community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. H. Berger', written over a horizontal line.

David H. Berger

General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION



On behalf of over 2,000 members of MCEA, I want to welcome you to our 28th annual Reunion and Awards Program. What started as a mostly social gathering of a relatively small number of active and recently retired Marine engineers has grown into the premiere event honoring the achievements of a select group of active duty Marine engineers and EOD. The opportunities for socialization have been retained along with the corporate rite of an annual business meeting. While the precise format varies a bit year-to-year, we have engaged all the features that proved successful over nearly three decades.

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 Engineer Units of the Year Awards. These active duty Marines and organizations 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. Since 2012, we have included the Society of American Military Engineers-selected Marine Engineer Officer and Staff NCO of the Year in our awards presentation as well.

Last year, for the first time in the history of the awards program, EVERY Award Winner was able to be present. Most of this year’s 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 at their parent unit. In both instances, we will provide photos and acknowledgement for each Award Winner in our 2020 Annual MCEA Newsletter and our Association web site to all members. Check us out at www.marcorengasn.org.

Speaking for our MCEA membership as well as a grateful nation, I extend our most sincere congratulations to the Award Winners for your actions on behalf of Corps and Country. Your continuous efforts to excel honor your own service and perpetuate the long heritage of Marine Engineers who have 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 follow in your footsteps tomorrow.

Congratulations to each Marine Corps Engineer of the Year and Marine Corps Unit of the Year. 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!

George

George Carlson
Lt.Col, USMC (Ret)

2019 Marine Corps Engineer Awards Banquet

September 13, 2019

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 – Master of Ceremonies Welcome

Recognition of Special Guests

Introduction of MCEA Executive Committee

2015 – Introduction of Guest Speaker: Lt. Col. George Carlson, USMC (Ret)

Guest Speaker Remarks

2019 Marine Corps Engineer Association & Sponsor Individual
Awards

2019 Marine Corps Engineer Association Unit Awards

2019 SAME Marine Corps Engineer Awards Presentation

Master of Ceremonies Presentation to Guest Speaker and Closing Remarks

Chaplain’s Benediction

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

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 ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>NOMINATING CMD</u>
COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	1 ST LT TERRENCE W. CAPLOE	3 RD MAR REGT
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	SSGT JUAN C. ESTRADA	MWSS 372
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	SGT COLE J. GRAVES	9 TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	L/CPL JOSHUA R. PETTIFORD	MWSS 372
ENGR EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO3 AJ SHANKS	2 ND MAR REGT
ENGR EQUIPMENT SNCO	SSGT MATTHEW J. SMITH	2 ND CEB
ENGR EQUIPMENT NCO	CPL MARLON S. GALINDO-RUIZ	MWSS 271
ENGR EQUIPMENT MARINE	L/CPL ROBERT ADEKY, JR.	CLB-4
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO3 STEPHEN M. GREULICH	ii ESB
UTILITIES SNCO	SSGT JEREMY A. DANIELS	1 ST MAINT BN
UTILITIES NCO	SGT NICOLE C. VENTURA	MWSS 372
UTILITIES MARINE	LCPL CHRISTOPHER S. HOLT	7 TH ESB
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO2 ENRIQUE L. PACHECO	MWSS 374
BULK FUEL SNCO	SSGT BARRY M. WEILACHER	9 TH ESB
BULK FUEL NCO	SGT TYLER J. BURKE	MWSS 271
BULK FUEL MARINE	LCPL DENNIS M. BRANTLEY	MWSS 372
EOD OFFICER	CWO2 KYLE B. HOY	9 TH ESB
EOD TECHNICIAN	GYSGT SAMUEL C. THARP	7 TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER BN	4 TH COMBAT ENGINEER BN	4 TH MARDIV
ENGINEER SUPPORT BN	9 TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BN	3 RD MLG
MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY	ENGINEER COMPANY, MWSS 172	1 ST MAW
SAME OFFICER OF THE YEAR	1 ST LT CARLOS A. PEREZ	MWSS 372
SAME SNCO OF THE YEAR	GYSGT THEODORE R. JENKINS	6 TH ESB

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

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

**1ST LIEUTENANT TERRENCE W. CAPLOE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FIRST LIEUTENANT CAPLOE EXEMPLIFIES A RELENTLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY. HE SKILLFULLY EXCELLED WITH THE CHALLENGES OF FORMING A NEW PLATOON IN HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT AS AN ENGINEER PLATOON COMMANDER FOR COMBAT ASSAULT COMPANY, 3D MARINE REGIMENT, 3D MARINE DIVISION FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. FIRST LIEUTENANT CAPLOE GRADUATED COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICERS COURSE 1-18 ON 11 MAY 2018 AS THE DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AND RECIPIENT OF THE COLONEL GERALD B. CORNWALL AWARD DUE TO BEING THE OFFICER WHO DEMONSTRATED THE HIGHEST LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL. DURING THIS PERIOD, FIRST LIEUTENANT CAPLOE DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP, EXTRAORDINARY COMPETENCE, AND PROFESSIONALISM. HIS ACTIONS WERE INSTRUMENTAL TO THE COMPANY'S SUCCESS DURING A PERIOD OF GROWTH AND CHANGE FOR THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER COMMUNITY. HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS 3D ENGINEER PLATOON'S COMMANDER WHILE CONDUCTING A JOINT DEMOLITION RANGE WITH US ARMY ENGINEERS, MOBILITY OPERATIONS FOR RIMPAC 2018, THREE FIELD EXERCISES, THREE DEMOLITION RANGES, ENGINEER SUPPORT FOR V33'S BOUGAINVILLE II, AND INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 2-19 IS A TESTAMENT TO HIS CHARACTER AND AGGRESSIVE WORK ETHIC. FIRST LIEUTENANT CAPLOE ALSO PLANNED AND COORDINATED A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT FOR MOKAPU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ENABLING THE FACULTY, STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO INTERACT WITH SEVERAL DISPLAYS OF ADJACENT UNITS ON MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII AND EFFECTIVELY ENHANCING THE BASE SENSE OF COMMUNITY. HIS ACTIONS HAVE LED TO 3D ENGINEER PLATOON ACHIEVING INITIAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY SIX MONTHS EARLY. AS A RESULT, 3D PLATOON PROVIDED EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT TO 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES FOR ITX 2-19. FIRST LIEUTENANT CAPLOE'S OUTSTANDING COMPETENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM ARE A TESTAMENT TO HIMSELF, THE COMBAT ENGINEER COMMUNITY, AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

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

STAFF SERGEANT JUAN C. ESTRADA
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING AS STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, SUPPORT PLATOON, COMPANY A, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING. FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE AND OPERATION DELIBERATE RESOLVE. DURING THE EVALUATED BASE RECOVERY AFTER ATTACK DRILL AT INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 5-18, STAFF SERGEANT ESTRADA SUCCESSFULLY LED AN AIRFIELD DAMAGE REPAIR TEAM IN THE COMPLETION OF TEN SPALL REPAIRS AND REPAIRED ONE 10 FOOT DIAMETER CRATER IN AN IMPRESSIVE TIME OF TWO HOURS AND 20 MINUTES. IN SEPTEMBER 2018, THE SQUADRON DEPLOYED WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND 18.2/19.1. STAFF SERGEANT ESTRADA EXPERTLY LED HIS PLATOON, PROVIDING AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT TO THE AVIATION COMBAT ELEMENT ABOARD AL JABAR AIR BASE, KUWAIT. THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT, HE CONTINUOUSLY TRAINED AND PREPARED HIS MARINES FOR FORWARD OPERATIONS INCLUDING AIRFIELD DAMAGE REPAIR IN IRAQ, CONSTRUCTION OF HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES IN SYRIA, AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS DURING BLACKOUT CONDITIONS SUPPORTING THE SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL. AS HIS MARINES PUSHED TO THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLESPACE, STAFF SERGEANT ESTRADA ENSURED THAT ALL AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT REQUIRED ON AL JABAR AIR BASE CONTINUED UNINTERRUPTED. EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PLATOON COMMANDER AND AS PERSONNEL BECAME SCARCE, HE SUCCESSFULLY TASK ORGANIZED HIS MARINES, ENABLING THEM TO SUCCEED. FURTHERMORE, HE MANAGED THE MAINTENANCE SECTION AND INCREASED THEIR OVERALL EQUIPMENT READINESS BY MORE THAN 11 PERCENT. STAFF SERGEANT ESTRADA'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND UPHELD 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**

**SERGEANT COLE J. GRAVES
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS FIRST PLATOON COMMANDER, PLATOON SERGEANT AND PLATOON GUIDE, ENGINEER COMPANY B, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 3D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. SERGEANT GRAVES ASSUMED DUTIES ABOVE AND BEYOND HIS BILLET, OVERSEEING THE PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND EXECUTION OF FIVE PLATOON FIELD EXERCISES COVERING VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION, MOBILITY, COUNTER MOBILITY, ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE, MACHINE GUNNERY, AND PROVISIONAL INFANTRY TRAINING. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF JUNGLE WARFARE TRAINING CENTER'S BASIC JUNGLE SKILLS COURSE FOR THREE COMPANIES IN 9TH ESB. HE OVERSAW THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF ONE BILATERAL DEMOLITION RANGE, ONE BILATERAL LIVE-FIRE AND MANEUVER RANGE, ONE BILATERAL PATROLLING AND RECON RANGE, FOUR COMPANY LIVE FIRE RANGES INCLUDING AT-4 ROCKETS, MACHINE GUNS, MINE CLEARING LINE CHARGE RANGE, AND A CLOSE QUARTERS BATTLE. SERGEANT GRAVES PLANNED AND COORDINATED SUPPORT FOR COMPANY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF THREE OBSTACLE BELTS AND THREE FORTIFIED GUARD POSTS FOR A BATTALION MCCRE WHILE SERVING AS RSO FOR SIX COMPANIES DURING EXECUTION. IN SUPPORT OF KOREAN MARINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM 19-2, SERGEANT GRAVES COORDINATED ALL NECESSARY BILLETING, TRAINING, AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND, THROUGHOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE EXERCISE, OVERSAW THE PROPER TRAINING OF 27 U.S. MARINES AND 17 REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINES. DUE TO HIS UNWAVERING FOCUS ON MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT, UNTIRING EFFORTS, AND DEDICATION TO DUTY ABOVE AND BEYOND HIS BILLET AND RANK, SERGEANT GRAVES AIDED IN THE SUCCESSFUL TRAINING AND MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OVER 200 MARINES ACROSS SIX COMPANIES THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AREA OF OPERATIONS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING 9TH ESB'S MISSION READINESS.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

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

**LANCE CORPORAL JOSHUA R. PETTIFORD
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 A COMBAT ENGINEER, ENGINEER SECTION, ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. DURING THIS PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL PETTIFORD DEVELOPED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND EMPLOYMENT TECHNIQUES FOR THE EARTH BLOX MACHINE. HIS COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE PROVED TO BE OF INVALUABLE SERVICE IN BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA WHERE HE CORRECTED DEFICIENCIES AT THE MOUNTED COLOR GUARD STABLES AND OBSTACLE COURSE. HIS INFLUENCE AND INSTRUCTION REGARDING VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION AND AIRFIELD DAMAGE REPAIR DURING THE AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT FIELD EXERCISE AND INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE DIRECTLY IMPACTED THE ABILITIES OF ENGINEERS PREPARING TO DEPLOY. HE SUPERVISED AND ASSISTED IN THE IMPROVEMENTS OF SECURITY FORCES PLATOON ENTRY CONTROL POINTS THROUGHOUT ISA AIR BASE, BAHRAIN. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PREPARATION OF MARINES FOR THE AIRFIELD DAMAGE REPAIR MISSION TO AL ASAD AIR BASE, IRAQ WERE REFLECTED IN THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION. HE SUPERVISED AND WORKED ALONG WITH TEAM MEMBERS ENSURING THE MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN AN EXPEDIENT AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER. HIS LASER FOCUS KEPT THE PROJECT ON TIME. LANCE CORPORAL PETTIFORD'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

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

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 AJ SHANKS
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 REGIMENTAL ENGINEER OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 12TH MARINE REGIMENT, 3D MARINE DIVISION, FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. WHILE SERVING AS REGIMENTAL ENGINEER OFFICER, HE SUCCESSFULLY AGGREGATED, DEPLOYED, AND LED TASK ORGANIZED ENGINEER DETACHMENTS IN SUPPORT OF TWO REGIMENTAL AND 25 BATTALION EXERCISES. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 SHANKS' ACTIONS ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING MORE THAN 2,500 HOURS OF MATERIAL HANDLING AND HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS. THE RELOCATION OF OVER 7.5 MILLION POUNDS OF SUPPLIES AND MORE THAN 14,000 HOURS OF POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION WERE PROVIDED. FOCUSED ON DEPLOYING ENGINEERS IN SUPPORT OF ARTILLERYMEN, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 SHANKS IDENTIFIED DISPARITIES BETWEEN JOINT DOCTRINE AND THE FIGHTING POSITION REQUIREMENTS TO EMPLOY THE M777A2 MEDIUM TOWED HOWITZER. THROUGH HIS OWN INITIATIVE, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 SHANKS ORGANIZED A FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE TO CONSTRUCT, EVALUATE, AND REVISE THE DIMENSIONS OF THE M777A2 FIGHTING POSITIONS. HIS INITIATIVE WAS QUICKLY ENDORSED BY 10TH AND 11TH MARINES AND YIELDED A UNIFIED EFFORT TO DRAFT RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO MARINE CORPS TACTICAL PUBLICATION 3-34C SURVIVABILITY OPERATIONS. HIS KNOWLEDGE AND DEVOTION TO DEVELOPING THE MARINES UNDER HIS CHARGE RESULTED IN THE ENGINEER SECTION'S 98 PERCENT COMPLIANT RATING DURING THE FIELD SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE ANALYSIS OFFICE INSPECTION. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 SHANKS' INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

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

**STAFF SERGEANT MATTHEW J. SMITH
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING AS THE ENGINEER EQUIPMENT CHIEF, HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON, 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 2D MARINE DIVISION FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. STAFF SERGEANT SMITH'S EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND LEADERSHIP HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION'S OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE READINESS WITH GREAT SUCCESS. DURING THIS PERIOD, STAFF SERGEANT SMITH WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTING AND SUPERVISING OVER 500 SERVICE REQUESTS RESULTING IN THE PROCUREMENT OF 1,000 REPAIR PARTS WORTH MORE THAN 250,000 DOLLARS. THE PROCEDURES HE IMPLEMENTED HAVE ENABLED HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON TO MAINTAIN A READINESS OF MORE THAN 85 PERCENT. HIS LEADERSHIP AND ACTIONS DURING THE BATTALION'S FIELD SUPPLY MAINTENANCE ANALYSIS OFFICE INSPECTION RESULTED IN HIS PLATOON RECEIVING NOTEWORTHY RESULTS AND ZERO NEGATIVE FINDINGS. STAFF SERGEANT SMITH HAS AN INFECTIOUS PERSONALITY THAT HAS MADE AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT IN THE PLATOON AND HIS SKILL AND EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN AN INCREDIBLE ASSET TO 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION. STAFF SERGEANT SMITH'S SELFLESS CONTRIBUTIONS REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND 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
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO

CORPORAL MARLON S. GALINDORUIZ
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS LOT FOREMAN, ENGINEER COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 271, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 27, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. OVER THE PAST YEAR, CORPORAL GALINDORUIZ'S CAREFUL PLANNING, EXECUTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF NUMEROUS ENGINEERING PROJECTS WERE INSTRUMENTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SQUADRON. DURING INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 3-18, CORPORAL GALINDORUIZ WORKED DILIGENTLY, MOVING 2,600 CUBIC YARDS OF SOIL AND SUPERVISING 200 HOURS OF EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES. WHILE DEPLOYED TO NORWAY IN SUPPORT OF EXERCISE TRIDENT JUNCTURE, HE SERVED IN A BILLET ABOVE HIS RANK AS THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS CHIEF, EMPLOYING 6 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS MOVING 6,000 SHORT TONS OF EQUIPMENT OVER 600 INCIDENT FREE HOURS LEADING TO SUCCESSFUL AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT FOR 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FORWARD OPERATIONS. DURING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE RUNWAY AND LANDING HELICOPTER DECK AT EXPEDITIONARY AIRFIELD BOGUE, HE ACCOUNTED FOR THE MOVEMENT OF 6,840 CUBIC YARDS OF SOIL OVER 536 HOURS OF EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS, RESULTING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO RUNWAY EXTENSIONS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A 190,000 SQUARE FOOT LANDING HELICOPTER DECK. HIS ACTIONS RESULTED IN SUCCESSFUL PROJECT COMPLETION, INCREASING AVIATION TRAINING AND READINESS THROUGHOUT 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING. CORPORAL GALINDONRUIZ'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

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

**LANCE CORPORAL ROBERT ADEKY, JR.
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 HEAVY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY CONTROL NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, ENGINEER SERVICES COMPANY, COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 4, COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT 3, 3D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. WHILE ABOARD THE MARITIME PREPOSITIONED SHIP USNS LUMMUS, IN SUPPORT OF EXERCISE BALIKATAN 18 IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, LANCE CORPORAL ADEKY CONDUCTED PRE-OPERATION CHECKS AND SERVICES AND THE OFFLOAD OF OVER 200 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. AFTER COMPLETING THE ARRIVAL AND ASSEMBLY PHASE, LANCE CORPORAL ADEKY WAS RELOCATED TO COLONEL ERNESTO RABINA AIR BASE, WHERE HE SUPPORTED GROUND AND LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENTS. DURING EARTHMOVING OPERATIONS, LANCE CORPORAL ADEKY ASSISTED WITH THE MOVEMENT OF MORE THAN 800 CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH WHEN CONSTRUCTING TRENCHES, BERMS, AND OTHER OBSTACLES IN ORDER TO INCREASE FILIPINO AND UNITED STATES MARINES' MANEUVERABILITY WHILE CONDUCTING LIVE FIRE RANGES. ADDITIONALLY, LANCE CORPORAL ADEKY SERVED AS THE SOLE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR THE ADVANCED PARTY AT THE FIELD AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT IN TWENTY-NINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA, PERSONALLY UNLOADING OVER 93 DIFFERENT TYPES OF AMMUNITION. HIS DEDICATION AND WORK ETHIC DURING DIVERSE HOURS ENABLED THE STAGING AND PREPARATION OF OVER 58 LIVE FIRE RANGES IN SUPPORT OF MAGTF-4. DURING THE 29-DAY TRAINING EVOLUTION, HE WAS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING OF OVER 1,400 PALLETS OF AMMUNITION WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY 4,900,000 POUNDS WHICH DIRECTLY SUPPORTED THE RANGE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY MAGTF-4. HIS INITIATIVE, PERFORMANCE, AND EXTRAORDINARY DEVOTION 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

**UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 STEPHEN M. GREULICH
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 COMMANDER AND UTILITIES OFFICER, ENGINEER PLATOON, SUPPORT BATTALION, INFORMATION GROUP, II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. THROUGH HIS REMARKABLE EFFORTS AND EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP TO THE 39 MARINES OF THE ENGINEER PLATOON, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 GREULICH IMMEDIATELY MADE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENTS TO NOT ONLY THE UTILITIES SECTION, BUT ALSO TO THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND GENERAL ENGINEERING CAPABILITIES OF A NEWLY ACTIVATED UNIT. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 GREULICH IMPLEMENTED STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES THAT INCREASED ASSET VISIBILITY AND MAINTENANCE READINESS FROM 89 PERCENT TO 96 PERCENT. SERVING AS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT FOR UTILITIES, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 GREULICH EXPERTLY PROVIDED UTILITIES GUIDANCE IN PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF FOUR BATTALION FIELD EXERCISES, THREE ROTATIONS OF TASK FORCE SOUTHWEST MISSION REHEARSALS, AND FOUR LOGISTICS OFFICER COURSE FIELD EXERCISES. DURING EXERCISE TRIDENT JUNCTURE-18, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 GREULICH DISPLAYED HIS MASTERY OF UTILITIES BY PLANNING AND PROVIDING UTILITIES, HEAVY EQUIPMENT, AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FOR NEARLY 60 DAYS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 GREULICH PLANNED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SIX SEPARATE POWER GENERATION SITES IN SUPPORT OF CRITICAL COMMAND AND CONTROL NODES, SEAMLESSLY OPERATING WITHOUT DISRUPTION FOR 31 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. HE MANAGED 268 HEAVY EQUIPMENT SUPPORT RUNS FOR A TOTAL OF 3,590,120 POUNDS OF CARGO AND CONTAINERS IN SUPPORT OF PREPOSITION OPERATIONS, DEPLOYMENT, EXECUTION, AND REDEPLOYMENT OPERATIONS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 GREULICH'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED 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 JEREMY A. DANIELS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING AS THE REFRIGERATION SECTION CHIEF, UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER MAINTENANCE COMPANY, 1ST MAINTENANCE BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. STAFF SERGEANT DANIELS' PERFORMANCE WAS EXEMPLARY. HE HAS EXCELLED NOT ONLY IN HIS BILLET AS THE REFRIGERATION SECTION CHIEF, BUT ALSO AS THE SNCOIC AND THE ORGANICS CHIEF FOR SPMAGTF-CR-CC. DURING THIS PERIOD, STAFF SERGEANT DANIELS SUPERVISED THE COMPLETION OF 44 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE REQUESTS AND 18 CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE REQUESTS. HIS EFFORTS DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO SUSTAINING ENGINEER EQUIPMENT AT 95 PERCENT READINESS ACROSS THE SPMAGTF-CR-CC. HE SUPERVISED THE MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE CONSOLIDATED MEMORANDUM RECEIPT ACCOUNT COMPRISED OF 4.6 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF VEHICLES, TOOLS AND CALIBRATED TEST EQUIPMENT. STAFF SERGEANT DANIELS IDENTIFIED AND ENSURED THE REQUISITION OF 18 THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF INVENTORY DISCREPANCIES AND THE APPLICATION OF 58 EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS, ALL OF WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED AS MISSING DURING THE ACCOUNT TURNOVER. COMPRISED OF 12 MARINES FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS, STAFF SERGEANT DANIELS WAS TASKED TO SUPPORT THE GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT (GCE) WITH RELIEF IN PLACE (RIP) ACTIONS AS WELL AS RETROGRADE AND REDEPLOYMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION. HIS OPERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE ACROSS THE UTILITIES SPECTRUM ALLOWED HIM TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTENANCE READINESS AND SUCCESS OF HIS ASSIGNED TASKS. HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE, UNPARALLELED TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY, ASTUTE LEADERSHIP, AND GENUINE CONCERN FOR HIS MARINES AND COMMUNITY HAVE SET THE STANDARD FOR ALL TO EMULATE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

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

**SERGEANT NICOLE C. VENTURA
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 THE ELECTRICAL SECTION NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE AND MAINTENANCE CHIEF, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2018 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2019. DURING THIS PERIOD, SERGEANT VENTURA DISPLAYED UNPARALLELED KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENTIRE UTILITIES FIELD. DESPITE BEING A WATER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN AND HAVING RECEIVED NO FORMAL TRAINING AS AN ELECTRICIAN, SHE ASSISTED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANTONMENT PLAN TO PROVIDE ALL ELECTRICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SUPPORT TO THE AIR COMBAT ELEMENT AT INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 5-18. AS THE EXERCISE COMMENCED, DRASTIC MODIFICATIONS WERE REQUIRED TO THE POWER SUPPORT PLAN. SERGEANT VENTURA EXPERTLY FINE-TUNED AND LED A SECTION OF 22 MARINES WHO ENSURED THAT 12 POWER GENERATION SITES PROVIDED MORE THAN 1,000 HOURS OF UNINTERRUPTED ELECTRICAL POWER AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. SERGEANT VENTURA THEN DEPLOYED WITH THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE, SERVING AS THE MAINTENANCE CHIEF. SHE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED POLICIES WITHIN HER PLATOON, TAKING FULL CONTROL OF THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. WITHIN A THREE MONTH SPAN, SERGEANT VENTURA WAS ABLE TO INCREASE SUPPORT PLATOON'S OVERALL EQUIPMENT READINESS BY 11 PERCENT. SERGEANT VENTURA'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, UNRELENTING PERSEVERANCE AND LOYAL 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

**UTILITIES MARINE OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER S. HOLT
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS AN ELECTRICIAN AND LICENSING NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER FOR UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, 1 MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2018 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2019. LANCE CORPORAL HOLT DISTRIBUTED 200 PIECES OF GEAR WORTH OVER 3 MILLION DOLLARS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT VARIOUS UNITS WITHIN 1 MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. FROM 1 NOVEMBER TO 15 DECEMBER 2018, LANCE CORPORAL HOLT ATTACHED TO SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-7 AS PART OF OPERATION BORDER SUPPORT. LANCE CORPORAL HOLT PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN IDENTIFYING, PREPARING, AND STAGING 95 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION. LANCE CORPORAL HOLT PROVIDED VITAL LIFE SUPPORT TO OVER 600 PERSONNEL INCLUDING ARMY, NAVY, AND MARINES. LANCE CORPORAL HOLT'S HARD WORK AND VAST KNOWLEDGE OF HIS MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY ENSURED OVER 1,080 HOURS OF UNINTERRUPTED POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION FOR THREE COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTERS: COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 5, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, AND THE ARMY 93RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION. HIS WORK ON THESE EXERCISES HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN THE SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP AND 1 MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. FURTHERMORE, LANCE CORPORAL HOLT PROVIDED PERIODS OF INSTRUCTION ON PROPER OPERATION OF THE ADVANCED MEDIUM MOBILE POWER SOURCE GENERATORS AND LICENSED 14 NEW INCIDENTAL OPERATORS WITHIN 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP. LANCE CORPORAL HOLT'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

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

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ENRIQUE L. PACHECO
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ENRIQUE L. PACHECO HAS EXEMPLIFIED TIRELESS DEDICATION TO DUTY AND EXHIBITED THE ABILITY TO MANAGE MULTIPLE COMPETING PRIORITIES WHILE SERVING AS THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICER FOR DODACC SE5C0D, FUELS BRANCH, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 374 (-), MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. DURING THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 PACHECO PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT AT THE STRATEGIC EXPEDITIONARY LANDING FIELD ABOARD MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER IN TWENTY-NINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA. UNDER HIS SUPERVISION, THE READINESS OF MISSION ESSENTIAL ITEMS INCREASED FROM 23 PERCENT TO 76 PERCENT. 23 ITEMS, TOTALING OVER 278,000 DOLLARS, WERE IDENTIFIED AND PROCESSED FOR DISPOSAL AND NEARLY 3,000 DOLLARS OF OVERDUE ITEMS WERE CLEARED OUT OF THE PERPETUAL INVENTORY AND TRANSFERRED APPROPRIATELY. ADDITIONALLY, UNDER CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 PACHECO'S SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE, HIS TEAM SAFELY RECEIVED AND ISSUED NEARLY 3.5 MILLION GALLONS OF F-24 FUEL TO OVER 4,000 FIXED AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT. HIS MANAGEMENT OF PERSONNEL ENSURED APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR THE MANNING AND EQUIPPING OF 14 SEPARATE SERVICE-LEVEL, JOINT AND MULTI-NATIONAL TRAINING EXERCISES THROUGHOUT AN ARRAY OF LOCATIONS RANGING FROM MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, CALIFORNIA TO MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, ARIZONA. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 PACHECO'S INITIATIVE AND DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE WERE EXEMPLARY AND SET A HIGH STANDSRD FOR ALL MARINES TO EMULATE. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 PACHECO'S INFLUENCE ON OUR BULK FUEL COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A LASTING AND DEFINITE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF MARINE CORPS BULK FUEL OPERATIONS.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

BULK FUEL STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

AWARD TO

STAFF SERGEANT BARRY M. WEILACHER

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS FUELS CHIEF FOR MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT PHILLIPINES, PLATOON SERGEANT FOR HEADQUARTERS SECTION, MAINTENANCE AND EMBARKATION CHIEF BULK FUEL COMPANY, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. WHILE SERVING AS THE MARDETPHIL FUELS CHIEF, STAFF SERGEANT WEILACHER'S EXPERTISE PROVIDED OVERSIGHT OF ESTABLISHED FUEL STORAGE LOCATIONS ACROSS THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS TASK FORCE 511.2 ENSURING UNINTERRUPTED OPERATIONS THOUGHOUT THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. UPON RETURNING TO BULK FUEL COMPANY, STAFF SERGEANT WEILACHER WAS SELECTED TO SIMULTANEOUSLY SERVE AS PLATOON SERGEANT AND EMBARKATION CHIEF FOR HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT. HE MANAGED 18 MARINES INCLUDING ALL OF THE COMPANY'S COMMODITY MANAGERS. HIS ABILITY TO MAINTAIN, METICULOUSLY PLAN, AND COORDINATE THE EMBARKATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BULK FUEL COMPANY'S EQUIPMENT LED TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COMPANY'S ASSIGNED MISSION DURING 9TH ENGINEER SUPPOR BATTALION'S MARINE CORPS COMBAT READINESS EVALUATION AND KOREAN MARINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM 19.2 OF EXECUTING TACTICAL BULK FUEL OPERATIONS. STAFF SERGEANT WEILACHER HAS LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON THE UNIT AND ALL THE MARINES HE SERVED WITH. HIS INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

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

**SERGEANT TYLER J. BURKE
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 MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 271, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 27, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. DURING THIS PERIOD, SERGEANT BURKE SERVED AS TECHNICAL ADVISOR FOR ALL MAINTENANCE ISSUES, DEVELOPING EQUIPMENT RECORDS AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES. HE COORDINATED AND SUPERVISED OVER 1,500 MAN HOURS OF MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS FOR OVER 200 SYSTEMS AND PIECES OF GEAR VALUED AT MORE THAN \$6,000,000. THROUGH HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS, HE WAS ABLE TO CONSISTENTLY MAINTAIN BULK FUEL EQUIPMENT READINESS ABOVE 90 PERCENT. DURING INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 3-18, SERGEANT BURKE PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ESTABLISHING FOUR SEPARATE FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINTS, SERVICING 22 AIRCRAFT AND CONDUCTING THE FIRST FORWARD REFUELING OF AN AUTONOMOUS AIRCRAFT. HE ALSO MANAGED A 100,000 GALLON TACTICAL AVIATION FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM, ISSUING 272,419 GALLONS OF FUEL TO 723 AIRCRAFT DURING THE EXERCISE. IN OCTOBER 2018, SERGEANT BURKE ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED HIS LEADERSHIP AND TECHNICAL ACUMEN DURING EXERCISE TRIDENT JUNCTURE IN NORWAY. SERVING AS THE FUEL FARM NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE, HIS TEAM PROVIDED FOUR STATIC AND FOUR ASSAULT REFUELING POINTS, ISSUING 90,385 GALLONS OF FUEL TO 131 AIRCRAFT FROM UNITED STATES AND ALLIED FORCES. ADDITIONALLY, HE PLANNED AND EXECUTED A FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT SUPPORTING 12 DIFFERENT GROUND AND AVIATION UNITS. SERGEANT BURKE IS A CONSISTENT PERFORMER, EXPERTLY BALANCING TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL PROFICIENCY WITH UNCANNY LEADERSHIP SKILL. SERGEANT BURKE'S INITIATIVE, TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

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

**LANCE CORPORAL DENNIS M. BRANTLEY
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 BULK FUEL SPECIALIST, FUELS SECTION, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. DURING THIS PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL BRANTLEY DEMONSTRATED HIS ABILITY TO MANAGE THE SAFETY OF OTHERS AND STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE COMMENSURATE WITH THAT OF A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER. HIS EFFORTS AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF HIS SECTION ACHIEVING A PASSING SCORE OF 100 PERCENT DURING THE LOGISTICS READINESS EVALUATION. DURING THE AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT FIELD EXERCISE AND INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 5-18, HE DEMONSTRATED HIS CAPABILITIES AS A LEADER BY SUPERVISING OTHERS IN ORDER TO ENSURE A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE TRAINING EVOLUTION. AS THE QUALITY CONTROL NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, HE CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED AND CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON ALL REFUELING EQUIPMENT WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$33,061 SUSTAINING A HIGH STATE OF READINESS THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISE. DURING HIS TENURE ABOARD ISA AIR BASE, BAHRAIN, HE EFFECTIVELY MAINTAINED ACCURATE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR 1.6 MILLION GALLONS OF FUEL AND OVERSIGHT FOR SIX M970 FUEL TRUCKS. THIS EQUIPMENT WAS UTILIZED TO SUPPORT 630 SORTIES FLYING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE AND OPERATION SPARTAN SHIELD. LANCE CORPORAL BRANTLEY'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND DEVOTION 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

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

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 KYLE B. HOY
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 PLATOON COMMANDER, EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMPANY, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 3D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HOY HAS EXEMPLIFIED THE MARINE OFFICER CONCEPT AND PROVIDED OUTSTANDING SERVICE WHICH WILL HAVE LASTING IMPACT. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HOY PROVIDED EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC, EXECUTING INTEGRAL ROLES IN THE FUJI EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL EXERCISE AND THE COBRA GOLD EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT EXCHANGE. HIS EFFORTS LED TO INCREASED PROFICIENCY OF HIS MARINES, AN INCREASE IN SAFETY TO THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND THROUGH THE DESTRUCTION OF 5,770 EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS, AND GREATER INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND OUR ALLIES. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HOY ALSO PERSONALLY PROVIDED SUPPORT TO THE DEFENSE PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION ACCOUNTING AGENCY'S MISSION 18-3 IN VIETNAM WHERE HE MANAGED 28 DRY SCREENING STATIONS, ASSISTING IN THE EXCAVATION OF 155 CUBIC METERS OF SOIL, AND ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED UNEXPLODED EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE AND SAFELY MITIGATED THE HAZARDS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HOY'S LEADERSHIP, TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, PROVIDED AN EXAMPLE WORTHY OF EMULATION FOR HIS MARINES AND FELLOW OFFICERS, AND MADE IMPACTS WHICH WILL HAVE LASTING BENEFIT IN THE INDO-PACOM AREA OF OPERATIONS. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HOY'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

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

AWARD TO

GUNNERY SERGEANT SAMUEL C. THARP

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 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL RESPONSE ELEMENT LEADER, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING SPECIAL OPERATIONS TASK FORCE-SYRIA, OPERATIONAL DETACHMENT ALPHA. GUNNERY SERGEANT THARP PROVIDED ESSENTIAL GUIDANCE AND TRAINING TO UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONAL FORCES, CONVENTIONAL FORCES, AND LOCAL SECURITY PERSONNEL WHICH SERVED TO DRAMATICALLY ENHANCE PARTNER NATION COMBAT READINESS, AND DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF 63 PATROLS AND RAIDS. DURING THESE OPERATIONS, HE INTERROGATED AND NEUTRALIZED FOUR IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, CONDUCTED SEVEN POST BLAST ANALYSES, AND EXPLOITED ONE CACHE WHICH LED TO MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCE DRIVEN MISSIONS. HIS DEDICATED EFFORTS LED HIM TO ASSIST LOCAL SECURITY FORCES BY DESTROYING OVER 460 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE MAIN CHARGES WITH A NET EXPLOSIVE WEIGHT OF OVER 1,900 POUNDS. GUNNERY SERGEANT THARP SUPPORTED 51 KEY LEADER ENGAGEMENTS IN ADDITION TO MANAGING THE DIVESTMENT OF EQUIPMENT TO LOCAL SECURITY FORCES, HIS EFFORTS SERVED TO IMPROVE THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL SECURITY FORCES, SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES, AND THE LOCAL POPULACE. ADDITIONALLY, GUNNERY SERGEANT THARP ESTABLISHED A JOINT EXPEDITIONARY LABORATORY, WHICH FILLED A MUCH NEEDED CAPABILITY GAP, AND PROCESSED OVER 140 PIECES OF CAPTURED EVIDENCE, RESULTING IN MULTIPLE BIOMETRIC HITS AND ARRESTS. HIS ACTIONS LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON ALL PERSONNEL HE SUPPORTED OR ADVISED IN SEVERAL HIGH RISK OPERATIONS. GUNNERY SERGEANT THARP'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

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

**4th COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE OF MISSION, 4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION IS AWARDED THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION'S COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE YEAR FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, 4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED AGGRESSIVE AND SUPERIOR COMBAT ENGINEER SUPPORT TO MULTIPLE COMBATANT COMMANDERS, INFANTRY REGIMENTS, AND INFANTRY BATTALIONS. AS THE COMBAT ENGINEER OPERATIONAL RESERVE, 4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION SUCCESSFULLY TRAINED, MOBILIZED, AND DEPLOYED MARINES AND SAILORS IN SUPPORT OF ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENT UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM, UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND, PACIFIC COMMAND, SOUTHERN COMMAND, AND EUROPEAN COMMAND. IN ADDITION TO ITS COMBAT MISSION PROWESS, 4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION WELL AND FAITHFULLY REPRESENTED THE MARINE CORPS WITHIN ITS COMMUNITIES OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND; CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA; LYNCHBURGH AND ROANOKE, VIRGINIA; KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE; AND BESSEMER, ALABAMA THROUGH ITS SUPPORT OF FUNERAL HONORS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS, REINFORCING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC'S FIERCE LOYALTY TO ITS MARINE CORPS. UNDER THE MOTTO "ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT," 4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION'S DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON ITSELF AND IS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

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

**9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE PROVIDING UNMATCHED COMBAT AND GENERAL ENGINEER SUPPORT TO III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. DURING THIS PERIOD, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION SUPPORTED 63 NAMED EXERCISES, INVOLVING 11 NATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE BATTALION CONTRIBUTED TO HUMANITARIAN AND CIVIC ASSISTANCE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PACIFIC, PARTICIPATING IN THREE ENGINEER CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM EXERCISES AND CONSTRUCTING NINE SCHOOL BUILDINGS WHILE REPAIRING NUMEROUS OTHERS. THE BATTALION ALSO PROVIDED TRAINING, EXPERTISE, AND INCREASED CAPABILITY TO THAILAND, CAMBODIA, AND LAOS THROUGH SIX ITERATIONS OF HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION PROGRAM TRAINING TEAMS AND FOUR ITERATIONS OF DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY DEPLOYMENTS. DURING KMFP 19-2, 9TH ESB SERVED AS THE LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, PROVIDING LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO ALL MAGTF ELEMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXERCISE. ADDITIONALLY, 9TH ESB SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED INTEGRATED ENGINEER TRAINING. FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, 9TH ESB SERVED AS THE LEAD PLANNING ELEMENT FOR THE COMBINED JOINT CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS TASK FORCE AND HUMANITARIAN CIVIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR BALIKATAN 18. THE BATTALION CONTINUED TO PRIORITIZE AND MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF READINESS, AVERAGING AN ENGINEER EQUIPMENT READINESS RATING OF 96 PERCENT. BY THEIR NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PROFESSIONALISM, AND DEDICATION TO DUTY, THE MARINES AND SAILORS OF 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION PROVIDED UNMATCHED GENERAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT ACROSS THE PACIFIC. THEIR OUTSTANDING ENGINEERING SUPPORT AND ACHIEVEMENTS REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND 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 COMPANY
MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGINEERING OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. ENGINEER COMPANY ENHANCED DEFENSIVE, OFFENSIVE AND CONTINGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES WITHIN UNITED STATES FORCES, JAPAN AREA OF OPERATIONS AND THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION. INTEGRATING WITH NAVY SEABEES, THE MARINES EMPLACED FOUR PATRIOT MISSILE PADS AND TWO SUPPLEMENTAL RADAR PADS ABOARD KADENA AIR BASE, TOTALING 43,702 CUBIC FEET OF REINFORCED CONCRETE, GREATLY ENHANCING THE DEFENSIVE POSTURE OF OKINAWA FOR THE INCREASING REGIONAL BALLISTIC THREAT. MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172 ENGINEERS EXPERTLY SUPPORTED TWO MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT PATROLS AND 13 MAJOR EXERCISES, INCLUDING THE KOREA MARINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, EXERCISES BALIKATAN, NORTHERN VIPER, RIM OF THE PACIFIC, YAMA SAKURA, COBRA GOLD, THREE FIELD CARRIER LANDING PRACTICES, TWO AIRCRAFT RECOVERIES, THE III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE COMMAND POST EXERCISE, AND A JOINT HUMANITARIAN CIVIC ASSISTANCE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND, PARTNERING WITH FOREIGN NATIONS AND ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. THE MARINES OF ENGINEER COMPANY HAVE PROVIDED CRITICAL MATERIAL HANDLING CAPABILITIES DURING THSE EXERCISES AND AS A DIRECT RESULT HAVE MOVED OVER 15,149 SHORT TONS OF CARGO AND MATERIALS DURING 923 MISSIONS WHILE THE UTILITIES SECTION PROVIDED MARINE AND PARTNER FORCES 140, 645 KILOWATT HOURS OF POWER, 1,548 HOURS OF ILLUMINATION, AND DISTRIBUTED 2,295,200 GALLONS OF POTABLE WATER TO INCLUDE PROVIDING 9,140 POUNDS OF LAUNDRY AND HYGIENE SERVICES TO 3,235 PERSONNEL. THE POSITIVE GLOBAL IMPACT OF MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172 ENGINEER COMPANY AND DEDICATION TO THE ASSUMPTION OF THE III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE MISSION REFLECTED CREDIT UPON ITSELF 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. 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 1st Lt. Carlos A. Perez as 2019 USMC Engineer Officer of the Year and Gunnery Sergeant Theodore R. Jenkins as 2019 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**

**1ST LIEUTENANT CARLOS A. PEREZ
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING AS COMBAT ENGINEER PLATOON COMMANDER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, FIRST LIEUTENANT PEREZ'S LEADERSHIP AND ENGINEER EXPERTISE WERE THE CORNERSTONE OF THE SQUADRON'S SUCCESS. DURING HIS DEPLOYMENT ATTACHED TO SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND, FIRST LIEUTENANT PEREZ EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS. IN OCTOBER 2018, FIRST LIEUTENANT PEREZ WAS HAND SELECTED TO CONDUCT AN ENGINEER LEADER'S RECONNAISSANCE AT TWO DIFFERENT AIRFIELDS IN IRAQ. FIRST LIEUTENANT PEREZ SURVEYED BOTH AL ASAD AIR BASE AND AL TAQADDUM AIR BASE IN IRAQ, ASSESS AIRFIELD DAMAGE, AND ESTIMATE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. THE RECONNAISSANCE CONDUCTED BY FIRST LIEUTENANT PEREZ WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SUPPORTING REPAIRS TO THE FLIGHT LINE AND DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO COMBAT OPERATIONS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA. WHILE DEPLOYED TO SYRIA, FIRST LIEUTENANT PEREZ CONDUCTED ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE FOR THE PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPLE HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES. LIEUTENANT PEREZ WOULD BE CALLED UPON FOR LEADERSHIP WHEN TASKED WITH LEADING A SECURITY FORCE PLATOON ABOARD AL TAQADDUM, IRAQ. HE EXPERTLY INTEGRATED AN AIRFIELD DAMAGE REPAIR TEAM WITH THE SECURITY FORCE MARINES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A MORE CAPABLE ENGINEER FORCE AT AL TAQADDUM. FIRST LIEUTENANT PEREZ LED COMBAT ENGINEERS IN NUMEROUS AIRFIELD REPAIRS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. FIRST LIEUTENANT PEREZ'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

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

**GUNNERY SERGEANT THEODORE R. JENKINS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

GUNNERY SERGEANT THEODORE R. JENKINS HAS EXEMPLIFIED SUPERIOR TECHNICAL ENGINEERING PROFICIENCY WHILE SERVING AS STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, SOUTHERN PARTNERSHIP STATION MARINE DETACHMENT 2018, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE – SOUTHERN COMMAND 2018 FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019 WHILE FORWARD DEPLOYED TO GUATEMALA. DURING THIS PERIOD, GUNNERY SERGEANT JENKINS' ENGINEERING PROFICIENCY AND STRONG DESIRE TO DEVELOP AND MENTOR THE JUNIOR MARINES ENSURED THE SUCCESS OF THE UNIT WHILE CONDUCTING COMBINED HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS WITH THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. FOLLOWING THE ERUPTION OF VULCAN DE FUEGO, GUATEMALA, GUNNERY SERGEANT JENKINS' VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION SKILLS, ENGINEERING RECONNAISSANCE ABILITIES, AND ORGANIZED OPERATIONAL PLANNING PROWESS FACILITATED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY SHELTER SITE OF 196 WOOD-FRAMED SHELTERS AND SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE USED TO HOUSE 900 EVACUEES. THE GUIDANCE AND CONSTRUCTION KNOWLEDGE HE PROVIDED TO THE JUNIOR MARINES IN THE UNIT ALLOWED THEM TO DISPLAY SUCH AN EXCEPTIONAL LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS THAT A MUTUAL RESPECT FROM OUR GUATEMALAN ARMY COUNTERPARTS WAS FOSTERED. HIS ACTIONS STRENGTHENED THE HOST NATION PARTNERSHIP AND DRASTICALLY IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THE NATURAL DISASTER. GUNNERY SERGEANT JENKINS' PROFESSIONALISM, SUPERIOR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, 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 EXPRESSES GENUINE APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING CORPORATE MEMBERS, THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND OUR MEMBER SPONSORS FOR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF OUR ENGINEER BROTHERHOOD.

**Society of American Military Engineers
BG Joseph Schroedel, USA (Ret), Executive Director
Banquet Sponsor for Award Winners and Guests
Sponsor of Annual SAME Engineer of the Year Joint Service Awards**

**VFW Post 9010, Clemmons, NC
Commander Dolphus Troy
Sponsor of the Combat Engineer Individual Awards**

**Mr. Ken Ostermann, USMC Vet
Sponsor of the Engineer Equipment Individual Awards**

**TerraGroup Corp.
Paul Wilcox, Marine Corps Account Manager
Sponsor of the Utilities Individual Awards**

**Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Association
Bulk Fuel Individual Awards**

**Dr. Robert Wolff, LtCol, USA (Ret)
Sponsor of Individual EOD Awards**

**Ms. Trudie Latka
Sponsor of Combat Engineer Battalion Award
Sponsor of Table for Active Marine Engineers**

**Caterpillar Inc. Defense and Federal Products
Scott Tomblin, Account Manager
Sponsor of Engineer Support Battalion Award**

**HNTB Corporation
Dave McMiller, Vice President
Sponsor of Marine Wing Support Squadron Engineer Company Award**

**Gatewood Group, LLC
MSgt Wayne Gatewood, USMC (Ret), CEO
Sponsor for Color Guard 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.

MCEA GOLF SHIRTS

Several years ago we discussed how to enhance our annual awards. We wanted something unique, yet subtle. Now Marines are seldom described as subtle, but, individually, they are a pretty humble lot. Oh, they will talk your arm off on how great their current unit is, how stupendous some of their fellow Marines are, even how good a previous unit was. But, they don't tend to talk much (some would say "brag") about themselves as individuals as we all recognize that we are a team. Oh, yes, most of us have some sort of "me wall" somewhere but we don't parade it around with us.

As a bit of background, our Treasurer's wife, who was in the business of digitizing embroidery designs (that's translating a picture into the program necessary for an embroidery machine to stitch out the picture) had taken the center of our logo, the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor superimposed over the Engineer Castle, and produced a design that looked good on a shirt. We decided that the EGA/Castle design along with our initials, "MCEA," and the year would make a good memento of the award without being too ostentatious.

So, starting in 2010, award recipients got a quality red golf shirt with the logo, MCEA, and the year. Award recipients (and anyone attending an Awards Banquet) will know what the red golf shirt means, but it doesn't just scream, "look at me!" No one except award winners get the red golf shirt!

The following year, after seeing both the shirts and the reactions to them, we expanded the program, but in two other colors. Dark/Forest Green shirts are worn by our officers (and our Guests of Honor, though they get a year on theirs as well as their title). Corporate members/sponsors get Navy Blue shirts. They are not for sale. Members can get a green shirt by taking on a leadership role in the organization. Corporate members qualify for a navy blue shirt and individual members can get one by becoming an award sponsor. But that's it.

MCEA T-SHIRTS

Our t-shirts area totally different "story." They are presented to our award recipients, but they are not exclusive to them. They are for sale (at a price far below most quality t-shirts) through our Ship's Store. Anyone can buy them, even non-members. They are a plain heather grey T with the EGA/Castle logo in two-color, screen printing on the front and "Engineers, Up!" in black on the back. We made the decision that we wanted visibility before profit so the T's are priced at a bare minimum over what they cost for similar quality. We don't even charge extra for the "super" large sizes (2XL and 3XL) even though we pay a bit more for them. The t-shirts and several MCEA logo items are available in limited quantity during Reunion and also on our website, www.marcorengasn.org.



Marine Corps Engineer Monument: designed, funded, dedicated and conveyed to our Marine Corps Heritage Foundation at Semper Fidelis Memorial Park adjacent to The National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia, across the highway from the Main Gate, Marine Corps Base, Quantico. The dedication ceremony was conducted at the Museum of the Marine Corps Chapel on May 14th, 2015 to honor historical and ongoing contributions of Marine Corps, Naval Construction Battalions & Explosive Ordnance Detail Engineers past & present.



How would you like to be a permanent part of Marine Corps Engineer history? Or honor your friends, those with whom you served or your organization through a perpetual tribute? You will note that our Monument above is installed on a platform of enduring red bricks. MCEA is permitted to replace currently unmarked with personalized bricks in this area on a brick-by-brick basis. These may be purchased through our Association for a tax deductible contribution of \$300 per brick. Many of the bricks have already been sold and you can see we have only a limited supply, so availability is ever diminishing. Get yours now by visiting www.marcorengasn.org. Hover over the Home tab and you will be able to select the Brick Program option.