

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REUNION
OF THE
MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

On behalf of all Marines, I extend greetings to all Marine Corps combat engineers around the world. In every conflict for the past eight 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 continues to provide vital support to the Marine Corps and the joint forces. The future will bring even more changes and place greater demands on our force as the Marine Corps routinely operates in smaller, more dispersed formations across the conflict continuum.

Though battlefields are ever changing, America will continue to rely on her Marines for everything from combat engagements to humanitarian assistance. Your endeavors over the past year epitomize the effort required to develop the engineer community into a more effective force, better able to provide integrated support across the Marine Corps. Our Corps requires and deserves superior engineer support - you have continued to meet that need.

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 explosive ordnance disposal 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 the over 2,000 members of MCEA, I want to welcome you to our 29th annual Reunion and Awards Banquet. For only the second time in our history, we found it necessary to cancel the 2020 Reunion. I don't need to share with anyone here that 2020 was a unique year.

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 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. With the cancellation of the 2020 event, those awards were sent to units for presentation but will also be recognized tonight for those winners from last year who were able to attend in person. All of the individual Marines and Unit Representatives from 2020 have been invited to attend with us.

As of this writing, we are unsure how many of this year's and last 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 in their parent unit. In both instances, we will be providing photos and acknowledgement for each in the 2022 Annual MCEA Newsletter provided to all members and on our web site at www.marcorengasn.org.

Speaking for the entire MCEA membership as well as a grateful nation, I extend our sincere congratulations to the award winners for your actions on behalf of Corps and Country. Your continual efforts to excel honor your own service and continue 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 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!

George

George Carlson
LtCol, USMC (Ret)



GUEST OF HONOR

Colonel Gary A. McCullar

Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Engineer Schools

A native of Bakersfield, California Colonel McCullar enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in March of 1990. After completion of Recruit Training at MCRD, San Diego and Marine Combat Training he reported to Hawk Missile School in Fort Bliss, Texas where he graduated as a Hawk Missile Technician. His enlisted service included duty with 4th Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion in Fresno, California. Colonel McCullar was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1997 through the Platoon Leaders Course Program after graduation from California State University Bakersfield. Following graduation from The Basic School and Combat Engineer Officers Course,

Colonel McCullar was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division in Camp Pendleton, California from 1998-2001 where he served as Utilities Platoon Commander for Engineer Support Company, Executive Officer for Bravo Company, and Commanding Officer of Alpha Company. In June 2001, he reported to 3d Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan where he served as the Division G-3 Training Officer and the Assistant Operations Officer for the 4th Marine Regiment, then assigned as the Commanding Officer of Combat Engineer Company, Combat Assault

In June of 2004, Colonel McCullar reported to Marine Corps Engineer Schools at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina as Academics Officer and Class Advisor for Combat Engineer Instruction Company. In December of 2005, Colonel McCullar was assigned as an individual augment to I Marine Expeditionary Force where he served as Engineer Advisor for the 7th Iraqi Army Division in Ramadi, Iraq. In January 2007, Colonel McCullar returned to the Marine Corps Engineer Schools as curriculum developer for the Explosive Hazards Branch.

In June of 2007, Colonel McCullar executed orders to 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2d Marine Logistics Group as Commanding Officer of Engineer Support Company in Support of 6th Engineer Support Battalion (FWD) in Anbar Province, Iraq as well as the Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer of 8th Engineer Support Battalion in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

From July 2010 to June 2011, Colonel McCullar attended Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where he also graduated from Kansas State University with a Master of Science Degree in Adult and Continuing Education. Upon Graduation, Colonel McCullar was assigned as Operations Officer for Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group at Camp Johnson, North Carolina from July 2011 to July 2012, and subsequently to Marine Corps Engineer Schools where he served as the Executive Officer from July 2012-July 2014.

Colonel McCullar reported to 2d Marine Division in July 2014 where he was temporarily assigned to the Division G-3, then command of 2d Combat Engineer Battalion in December 2014. He was subsequently assigned as Operations Officer of Task Force Southwest where he deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan from April 2017 to January 2018. He was then assigned as Executive Officer of 6th Marine Regiment. Colonel McCullar attended Air War College at Maxwell Air force Base, Alabama where he received a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Leadership. In 2019, he reported to Marine Corps Installations East where he served as the AC/S G-3/5.

His personal decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars and Combat Action Ribbon.

2021 Marine Corps Engineer Awards Banquet

September 24, 2021

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 of Honor: Colonel Gary McCullar, USMC

Guest of Honor Remarks

2020 SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS Outstanding Marine
Corps Senior Officer and Enlisted Individual Awards

2020 and 2021 Marine Corps Engineer Association Individual Awards

2020 and 2021 Marine Corps Engineer Association Unit Awards

President’s 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 38 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.

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 COMMUNITY.

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

**VFW Post 9010, Clemmons, N.C.
Col. Hank Rudge, USMC (Ret)
Sponsor of the Combat Engineer Individual Marine Awards**

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

**RJY Group
Mr. Richard J. Young, USMC Vet
Sponsor of the EOD Individual Marine Awards**

**Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Association
Mr. Howard Huston, USMC Vet
Sponsor of the Bulk Fuel Individual Marine Awards**

**LtCol George Carlson, USMC (Ret)
Sponsor of the Utilities Individual Marine Awards**

**Dr. Robert Wolff, LtCol, USA (Ret)
Sponsor of Piper & Banquet Photography**

**Ms. Trudie Latka
Sponsor of Combat Engineer Battalion Award**

**Caterpillar Inc. Defense and Federal Products
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Sponsor of Engineer Support Battalion Award**

**Col Dave McMiller, USMC (Ret)
Sponsor of Marine Wing Support Squadron Engineer Company Award**

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MSgt Wayne Gatewood, USMC (Ret), CEO
Sponsor for Color Guard Table and Reunion Support**

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 & COLLECTABLES FOR PRODUCTION OF OUR AWARD PLAQUES.

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 101 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 Senior Officer and Enlisted 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 was extremely pleased to present its 2020 annual awards recognizing the accomplishments of Major Katie R. Petronio of 8th Engineer Support Battalion as USMC Engineer Officer of the Year and Master Sergeant Alexander J. Abel as USMC Engineer Senior Staff Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

2020 MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>NOMINATING CMD</u>
COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	CAPT STEPHANIE L. DAMREN	8 TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	SSGT TYLER C. STRAWSER	7 TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	SGT DERRICK CHRISTOVALE, JR.	1 ST CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	L/CPL ANDREW G. OHL	MWSS-373
ENGR EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO2 JOSHUA L. GRIFFIN	8 TH ESB
ENGR EQUIPMENT SNCO	SSGT KALRN T. GALL	EEIC, TECOM
ENGR EQUIPMENT NCO	CPL JONATHAN VARGAS	7 TH ESB
ENGR EQUIPMENT MARINE	L/CPL GIOACCHINO A. D'ACQUISTO	7 TH ESB
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO3 KENNETH S. CAMPBELL	MARFORSOC
UTILITIES SNCO	SSGT ELISSA A. PEDELTY	8 TH ESB
UTILITIES NCO	SGT SAMUEL J. DONAHUE	1 ST CEB
UTILITIES MARINE	L/CPL JENNIFER PEREZ	7 TH ESB
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO2 JACOB A. ALMAGUER	9 TH ESB
BULK FUEL SNCO	SSGT CLAYTON S. LEVERENZ	7 TH ESB
BULK FUEL NCO	CPL ABRIL A. GARCIAQUIRINO	MWSS-172
BULK FUEL MARINE	L/CPL YEVGINIY A CAZIER	MWSS-171
EOD OFFICER	CWO2 JOHN R. HALL	8 TH ESB
EOD TECHNICIAN	GYSGT SETH A. STRAIT	7 TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER BN	1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BN	1ST MARDIV
ENGINEER SUPPORT BN	9 TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BN	3 RD MLG
MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY	ENGINEER COMPANY, MWSS-171	1 ST MAW
SAME SENIOR ENGR OFFICER	MAJ KATIE R. PETRONIO	8 TH ESB
SAME SENIOR ENGR SNCO	MSGT ALEXANDER J. ABEL	MWSS-272

2021 MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>NOMINATING CMD</u>
COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	1 ST LT BAILEY S. SHEPPARD	MWSS-373
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	GYSGT JASON W. SERFAS	CLB 27
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	CPL DANIEL J. DOWNS	9 TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	L/CPL JUSTIN B. WOLFE	MWSS-271
ENGR EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO2 HENRY D. ZAPATA	9 TH ESB
ENGR EQUIPMENT SNCO	GYSGT DELSEAN D. BARROW	1 ST MAINT BN
ENGR EQUIPMENT NCO	CPL JOHVANY RODRIGUEZ	7 TH ESB
ENGR EQUIPMENT MARINE	L/CPL DAKOTA L. RULEY	6 TH ESB
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO2 KEVIN A. RODRIGUEZ	8 TH ESB
UTILITIES SNCO	SSGT JOHNATHON P. WALKER	6 TH ESB
UTILITIES NCO	CPL JAMAR J. JONES	MWSS-172
UTILITIES MARINE	L/CPL ATHHUR R. GALLOWAY, III	1 ST CEB
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO2 CLAYTON W. LEATHERWOOD	15 TH MEU
BULK FUEL SNCO	SSGT NOE MEDRANO, JR.	15 TH MEU
BULK FUEL NCO	SGT WESLEY A. REVEL	15 TH MEU
BULK FUEL MARINE	L/CPL GAGE M. CLURE	MWSS-172
EOD OFFICER	CWO2 CHARLES D. HEYER	7 TH ESB
EOD TECHNICIAN	SSGT PAUL J. BUTCHER	7 TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER BN	2 ND COMBAT ENGINEER BN	2 ND MARDIV
ENGINEER SUPPORT BN	7 TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BN	1 ST MLG
MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY	ENGINEER COMPANY, MWSS-372	3 RD MAW

THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

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

**MAJOR KATIE R. PETRONIO
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

MAJOR KATIE R. PETRONIO DISTINGUISHED HERSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE UNDER COMBAT CONDITIONS AS ENGINEER ADVISOR AND SENIOR PLANNER TO THE COMBINED JOINT ENGINEER BRANCH, COMBINED SECURITY TRANSITION COMMAND-AFGHANISTAN, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN FROM MARCH 2019 TO NOVEMBER 2019. DURING THIS PERIOD, MAJOR PETRONIO WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF JOINT AND COMBINED ENGINEERING EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL AND OPERATION RESOLUTE SUPPORT. HER BILLET RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS ROLE WERE COMPLEX AND FAR REACHING, INVOLVING MILITARY, POLITICAL, AND CIVIC INTERACTIONS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. SHE ASSUMED DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THEATER-WIDE FUNDING FOR SURVIVABILITY AND GENERAL ENGINEERING IN SUPPORT OF AFGAN MILITARY OPERATING BASE AND FIELD HEADQUARTERS FORTIFICATIONS, INCLUDING A "FACTORY TO FOXHOLE" MANAGEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS, PROCUREMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT. SHE DEVELOPED SURVIVABILITY DOCTRINE AND COURSEWARE FOR THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVING AFGHAN MILITARY ENGINEER CAPABILITIES AND ENABLING THE STAND UP OF ENGINEER FORCES THAT DID NOT EXIST PRIOR TO HER EFFORTS. SHE DEVELOPED RESOURCING AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR BATTLE POSITIONS ACROSS AFGHANISTAN, FURTHER ENSURING THE INITIAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY OF 52 AFGHAN ENGINEER COMPANIES. THESE EFFORTS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN MITIGATING UNSUSTAINABLE ATTRITION RATES SUFFERED BY AFGHAN FORCES DUE TO POORLY DESIGNED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND LIMITED TECHNICAL TRAINING; HER LEGACY MADE STRATEGIC IMPACTS ON THE ENGINEER FORCES OF AN ENTIRE NATION. MAJOR PETRONIO'S FAR-REACHING, DISTINCTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HER, THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**OUTSTANDING MARINE ENGINEER
SENIOR STAFF NCO OF THE YEAR AWARD TO
MASTER SERGEANT ALEXANDER J. ABEL
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020 WHILE SERVING AS COMPANY OPERATIONS CHIEF AND SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR, ENGINEER COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 272, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 27, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING. DURING THIS PERIOD, MASTER SERGEANT ABEL DEMONSTRATED HIS ENGINEERING EXPERTISE IN THE PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND SUPERVISION OF MORE THAN A DOZEN SUCCESSFUL VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. DURING THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE SEASON, HE SHOWCASED HIS ABILITY TO COORDINATE AND LEAD COMPLEX AND DIVERSE CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS WHILE SERVING AS MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM STAGING COORDINATOR. MASTER SERGEANT ABEL'S TEAM WAS ACTIVATED IN SEPTEMBER 2019 TO PROVIDE MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER WITH ENGINEER AND MOTOR TRANSPORT SUPPORT DURING AND AFTER HURRICANE DORIAN. HIS TENACITY AND DEDICATION RESULTED IN BASE SERVICES RETURNING TO NORMAL OPERATIONS LESS THAN 12 HOURS AFTER THE HURRICANE PASSED DIRECTLY OVER THE AREA. IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2020, HE DEPLOYED WITH ENGINEER COMPANY TO YUMA, ARIZONA IN SUPPORT OF WEAPONS AND TACTICS INSTRUCTOR COURSE 2-20, FACILITATING THE COORDINATION OF VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND ESSENTIAL ENGINEERING SERVICES OF SHOWERS, LAUNDRY AND POWER DISTRIBUTION TO AUXILIARY AIRFIELD II. FURTHERMORE, HE COMPLETED DUST ABATEMENT PROJECTS ON 20 FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINTS AND REPAIRED 23 KILOMETERS OF ROAD LEADING TO TRAINING AREAS AND LANDING ZONES. BY HIS EXPERIENCE, EXPERTISE AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY, MASTER SERGEANT ABEL REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**2020 COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CAPTAIN STEPHANIE L. DAMREN
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE WHILE SERVING AS COMPANY COMMANDER, GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT MOBILITY PLANNER AND STANDARD MILITARY BRIDGE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT WITH 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. HER LEADERSHIP ABILITY, VISION, AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE WERE INDISPENSABLE TO THE BATTALION'S MISSION. CAPTAIN DAMREN PURSUED AN AGGRESSIVE TRAINING SCHEDULE THAT COMPLETELY ECLIPSED THOSE OF ADJACENT UNITS ACROSS THE MARINE CORPS, PROVIDING FLAWLESS STANDARD MILITARY BRIDGING SUPPORT TO THE FLEET MARINE FORCE. SHE DEMONSTRATED HER REMARKABLE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AS THE LEAD ENGINEER IN SUPPORT OF NUMEROUS JOINT AND COMBINED NATO OPERATIONS, SPEARHEADING AN UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF EXERCISE THUNDER REINDEER 2019, AND DEPLOYING BRIDGE COMPANY'S ENTIRE COMPLEMENT TO NORWAY TO TRAIN WITH NORWEGIAN COMBAT ENGINEERS. FORECASTING THE EVENTUAL DECOMMISSIONING OF MILITARY STANDARD BRIDGING ASSETS IN THE FLEET MARINE FORCE, CAPTAIN DAMREN HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO CHART A FUTURE COURSE FOR MILITARY BRIDGING IN THE CORPS. SHE PURSUED INNOVATIVE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NONSTANDARD BRIDGING CAPABILITIES, SOUGHT CLOSER INTEGRATION WITH NAVAL AND ALLIED ENGINEERS, AND REMAINS A COMMITTED ADVOCATE FOR OUR ASSURED MOBILITY MISSION. CAPTAIN DAMREN'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, PERSONAL INITIATIVE, AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT 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

**2021 COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**1ST LIEUTENANT BAILEY S. SHEPPARD
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ENGINEER COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 373 FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURN FROM A SIX-MONTH CENTRAL COMMAND DEPLOYMENT, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHEPPARD PLANNED A WEEK-LONG FIELD EXERCISE FOR ENGINEER COMPANY. A HIGH-LEVEL DEVELOPER, SHE FACILITATED INTEGRATED, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING TO ENSURE EACH OF THE 11 MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES WITHIN ENGINEER COMPANY RECEIVED HIGH-LEVEL, RIGOROUS TRAINING AND READINESS TESTING. UPON COMPLETION OF THE SEVEN-DAY FIELD EXERCISE, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHEPPARD OVERSAW A SUBSEQUENT WEEK-LONG SOUTHWEST ASIA HUT BUILD TO FURTHER INSTRUCT THE MARINES IN CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES. SHE THEN STOOD A LOGISTICS READINESS EVALUATION INSPECTION WITH FAR-REACHING SUCCESS. IN THE ABSENCE OF HER COMPANY COMMANDER, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHEPPARD GUARANTEED THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF ALL OF ENGINEER COMPANY'S SUPPORT TASKS AND OPERATIONAL MISSIONS DURING SERVICE LEVEL TRAINING EXERCISE 1-21 IN TWENTY-NINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA. SELECTED BY THE SQUADRON COMMANDER TO LEAD A FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT, AIRCRAFT SALVAGE AND RECOVERY MISSION, AND THE BASE RECOVERY AFTER ATTACK EVOLUTION, FIRST LIEUTENANT SHEPPARD PROVED UNFAILINGLY THAT HER LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES EXCEEDS THAT OF HER PEERS. HER DEMONSTRATED INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT 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

2020 COMBAT ENGINEER STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO

STAFF SERGEANT TYLER C. STRAWSER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS OPERATIONS CHIEF, COMPANY A, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. STAFF SERGEANT STRAWSER WAS ASSIGNED AS ACTING PLATOON COMMANDER DUE TO HIS CONSISTENT HIGH LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE WHILE CONDUCTING COUNTER MOBILITY ENGINEER OPERATIONS DURING OPERATION BORDER SUPPORT AT THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO BORDER. HE IMPLEMENTED AN AGGRESSIVE TRAINING PLAN WHICH DROVE TRAINING STANDARDS FOR ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE, VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITIONS AND MOBILITY. HAND-SELECTED TO REPRESENT 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP AS AN ENGINEER PLANNER IN SUPPORT OF TASK FORCE KOA MOANA 20, HE TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES INDO-PACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDUCTED MULTIPLE ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS. HIS ENGINEER EFFORTS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE REGION TO SHAPE THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION IN ORDER TO FOSTER POSITIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VARIOUS NATIONS IN THE REGION. HE PROVIDED SUPERIOR ENGINEER ADVICE TO ADVANCE CRITICAL CIVIL MILITARY OPERATION EFFORTS. WHILE SERVING AS AN ADVISOR TO BRITISH MILITARY ENGINEERS DURING EXERCISE GREEN DAGGER, HE SKILLFULLY PROVIDED COUNTLESS HOURS OF INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION ON THE TENETS OF URBAN MOBILITY, BREACHING, DEMOLITION EMPLOYMENT, AND ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE. STAFF SERGEANT STRAWSER'S PASSION FOR MISSION PREPAREDNESS AND READINESS WAS EVIDENT AS HE INDIVIDUALLY PLANNED TWO CERTIFICATION EXERCISES AS PART OF PRE-DEPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND HAS CONSTANTLY EXCELLED BEYOND EXPECTATIONS. STAFF SERGEANT STRAWSER'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

**2021 COMBAT ENGINEER STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**GUNNERY SERGEANT JASON W. SERFAS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

GUNNERY SERGEANT SERFAS, THROUGH HIS ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE, PERFORMED ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER CHIEF, COMMAND ELEMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE - CRISIS RESPONSE - CENTRAL COMMAND (SPMAGTF-CR-CC) FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. GUNNERY SERGEANT SERFAS' FOCUS ON MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT ENSURED THE COMMAND'S SUCCESS DURING FOUR MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE LEVEL PROJECTS. WHILE FORWARD DEPLOYED, HIS PLANNING WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SUPPORT OF IMPROVING CAMP AL JABER'S EXPLOSIVE ORDINANCE DISPOSAL RANGE. HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY PLANNED, SUPERVISED, AND LED A 1,250 MAN-HOUR PROJECT WITH A JOINT UNIT OF MARINES AND AIRMEN LEADING TO A SAFE AND MORE EFFICIENT LIVE-FIRE RANGE. WHILE SUPPORTING AIRFIELD DAMAGE REPAIR, HE ASSEMBLED ANOTHER MARINE AND AIR FORCE TEAM TO REPAIR 385 SPALLS BY MANAGING 978 MAN-HOURS OVER THE COURSE OF FIVE MONTHS INCREASING THE SPMAGTF'S SORTIE GENERATION. DURING THIS PERIOD, GUNNERY SERGEANT SERFAS PERSONALLY SUPERVISED AND FACILITATED THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSPORT AND EMPLACEMENT OF 132 BUNKER CHANNELS AND 30 TEXAS BARRIERS, WHICH DRASTICALLY IMPROVED THE BASE'S FORCE PROTECTION POSTURE. DURING HIS TENURE, THE OPERATIONAL IMPACT OF SPMAGTF-CR- CC TO THE GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDER'S MISSION, WAS UNMATCHED. GUNNERY SERGEANT SERFAS' INFLUENCE ON OUR ENGINEER COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A LASTING, DEFINITE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF MARINE CORPS COMBAT ENGINEERING OPERATIONS. HIS ACTIONS REFLECT 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

2020 COMBAT ENGINEER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO

SERGEANT DERRICK CRISTOVALE
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 SQUAD LEADER, 2D PLATOON, COMPANY C, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, SERGEANT CRISTOVALE WAS ATTACHED TO 2D BATTALION, 7TH MARINES CENTRAL COMMAND 20.1 DEPLOYMENT. FOLLOWING REMARKABLE PERFORMANCES AT BOTH 2ND BATTALION, 7TH MARINES' COMBAT READINESS EVALUATION AND INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 5-19, SERGEANT CRISTOVALE DEPLOYED TO KUWAIT. AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, HE WAS HAND-SELECTED TO EXECUTE A SURVIVABILITY MISSION IN IRAQ. FOLLOWING A MARKED INCREASE IN INDIRECT FIRE ATTACKS AT THE BAGHDAD EMBASSY COMPOUND, HE WAS TASKED WITH IMPROVING THE SURVIVABILITY OF ROOFTOP POSTS. HE PERSONALLY LED OVER 5,100 MAN HOURS IN CONSTRUCTION OF POSTS, WHICH WERE ADOPTED AS THE EMBASSY'S STANDARD ROOFTOP POST DUE TO THEIR EXCEPTIONAL CRAFTSMANSHIP. SHORTLY BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FROM THE EMBASSY, THE COMPOUND CAME UNDER SIEGE FROM SEVERAL THOUSAND VIOLENT PROTESTORS. SERGEANT CRISTOVALE ADAPTED RAPIDLY, IMMEDIATELY READYING HIS SQUAD AND RUSHING TO THE FRONT LINES TO REPEL THE PROTESTORS. HE THEN USED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF COMBAT ENGINEERING TO RAPIDLY DEVELOP A ROBUST OBSTACLE PLAN AND QUICKLY TURNED-TO IN THE ACQUISITION OF SEVERAL THOUSAND METERS OF CONCERTINA WIRE. AFTER THEIR EVENTUAL RELIEF FROM 48 HOURS OF NON-STOP OPERATIONS, SERGEANT CRISTOVALE MOTIVATED HIS SQUAD AS HE LED THEM IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF WIRE OBSTACLES AND BARRICADES THROUGHOUT THE COMPOUND WHICH EFFECTIVELY HINDERED AND DETERRED THE PROTESTORS. SERGEANT CRISTOVALE'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

2021 COMBAT ENGINEER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO

CORPORAL DANIEL J. DOWNS
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 SQUAD LEADER AND PLATOON SERGEANT, 4TH PLATOON, MOBILITY ASSAULT COMPANY, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, AND ASSISTANT SQUAD LEADER, BRIDGE PLATOON, BRIDGE COMPANY, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. DURING THIS PERIOD, CORPORAL DOWNS CONSISTENTLY SERVED IN BILLETTS AND HELD RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MARINE FAR SUPERIOR TO HIS EXPERIENCE AND GRADE AND ALWAYS PERFORMED ABOVE EXPECTATIONS. WHILE SERVING AT 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, CORPORAL DOWNS WAS MERITORIOUSLY SELECTED TO FILL THE BILLET OF PLATOON SERGEANT FOR THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF A 59-DAY CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF- SPONSORED BILATERAL TRAINING EXERCISE IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. CORPORAL DOWNS SERVED AS THE REDUCTION ELEMENT COMMANDER FOR COMBINED ARMS BREACH OF A COMPLEX MECHANICAL AND EXPLOSIVE OBSTACLE BELT. CORPORAL DOWNS SPEAR-HEADED THE PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND DEPLOYMENT OF TWO MINE CLEARING LINE CHARGES, COMPRISING OVER 3,000 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES. IN OCTOBER 2020, CORPORAL DOWNS AND HIS PLATOON SUPPORTED THE III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE EXERCISE VALIANT WORKHORSE. CORPORAL DOWNS SERVED AS THE CONSTRUCTION CREW LEADER AS WELL AS THE RAFT COMMANDER, INSTRUCTING MARINES AND NAVY SEABEES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVED RIBBON BRIDGE RAFTS. CORPORAL DOWNS LED AND SERVED AS RAFT COMMANDER IN FOUR OPERATIONS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL WATERS. CORPORAL DOWNS' TIRELESS WORK ETHIC, EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE IN MULTIPLE UNITS AND CONTINUED DESIRE FOR GROWTH 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

**2020 COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL ANDREW G. OHL
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 ASSISTANT, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 373, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. WHILE ABOARD AL ASAD AIR BASE, IRAQ, LANCE CORPORAL OHL SERVED ON THE AIRFIELD DAMAGE REPAIR BREAKING TEAM AS A LEADER OF THE CUTTING TEAM AND SOLE SWEEPER OPERATOR. ALTHOUGH PRIMARILY EMPLOYED AS A COMBAT ENGINEER, HE USED HIS EXPERTISE AS A SURVEYOR TO ENSURE PROPER LEVELING AND QUALITY OF THE FINISHED PRODUCTS. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM AL ASAD, HE CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY ON A LANDING PAD AND RUNWAY IN SYRIA IN SUPPORT OF COALITION FORCES. WHILE CONDUCTING THE SITE SURVEY, HE FOUND DISCREPANCIES IN OPTIMAL PLACEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PROJECTS AND ADVISED THE TEAM'S LEADERSHIP ON DRAINAGE, OVERHEAD CLEARANCE, AND SECURITY ISSUES. IN THE MONTHS FOLLOWING THE SURVEY, HE CONTINUED TO ADVISE AND ASSIST BOTH THE COALITION FORCES' LEADERSHIP AND EXPEDITIONARY AIRFIELD TECHNICIANS; HIS RECOMMENDATIONS BECAME PART OF THE FINAL DESIGN. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS ADVISORY ROLE IN SYRIA, HE ASSISTED IN ASSESSMENT OF THE SURVIVABILITY AND FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES FOR A REMOTELY LOCATED FORWARD OPERATING BASE IN IRAQ. WHILE ON SITE, HE ACCOUNTED FOR RESOURCES AND DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO BASE SECURITY. HIS EXPERTISE ALLOWED HIM TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVED SURVIVABILITY FOR ALL PERSONNEL DEPLOYED TO THE BASE. HE CONSISTENTLY PROUCES HIGH QUALITY WORK AND HIS PERFORMANCE EXCEEDS THAT OF HIS PEERS. LANCE CORPORAL OHL'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN DEEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**2021 COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL JUSTIN B. WOLFE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS DRAFTING AND SURVEYING CHIEF, ENGINEER COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 271, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 14, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL WOLFE CONSISTENTLY EXECUTED RESPONSIBILITIES THAT ARE TYPICALLY RESERVED FOR MARINES OF HIGHER GRADES AND EXPERIENCE LEVELS. DURING A DEPLOYMENT TO SUPPORT AIRFIELD SECURITY OPERATIONS AT ISA AIR BASE BAHRAIN, LANCE CORPORAL WOLFE WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING A PATROL WHICH IDENTIFIED AND REPAIRED SIX BREACHES IN THE WIRE OBSTACLES ALONG THE MAIN CONVOY ROUTE AS WELL AS DEVELOPING A WATCH CYCLE FOR SEVERAL UNSECURE LOCATIONS. WHILE SERVING AS THE MINIMUM OPERATING STRIP SELECTION TEAM LEADER AND CHIEF DATA PLOTTER DURING A BASE RECOVERY AFTER-ATTACK EXERCISE, LANCE CORPORAL WOLFE DEPLOYED HIS SURVEY TEAM IN A FLAWLESS MANNER, ENSURING ACCURATE PLOTTING OF 5 CRATERS AVERAGING 15 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 3 SPALL FIELDS IN THE 3,000-FOOT RUNWAY. GATHERING THIS DATA, LANCE CORPORAL WOLFE WAS ABLE TO PROCESS AND COMPUTE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY PROPER PLACEMENT OF THE MINIMUM OPERATING STRIP. LANCE CORPORAL WOLFE'S DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THIS EXERCISE LED TO THE SUFFICIENT TRAINING NECESSARY TO RESTORE AN INSTALLATION'S FLIGHT SUPPORT CAPABILITIES AFTER AN ENEMY ATTACK. LANCE CORPORAL WOLFE HAS DISPLAYED UNRIVALED COMPETENCY WITHIN THE ENGINEER COMMUNITY AND IS HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER FOR HIS ABILITY TO IMPART A POSITIVE IMPACT IN ALL DUTIES IN WHICH HE IS ENGAGED. LANCE CORPORAL WOLFE'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

**2020 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JOSHUA L. GRIFFIN
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, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 GRIFFIN'S HIGH LEVEL OF TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY HAS ALLOWED THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON TO SET THE STANDARD IN II MEF AS IT RELATES TO HEAVY EQUIPMENT READINESS AND OPERATIONS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 GRIFFIN EXPERTLY LED A MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DETACHMENT OF MARINES IN CONSTRUCTING AN IMPROVED SURFACE ROAD AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT A REMOTE SECTION OF THE SOUTHWEST BORDER NEAR SASABE, AZ. THE ROAD HE CONSTRUCTED DECREASED RESPONSE TIME FOR U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL AGENTS TO INCURSIONS ENHANCING NATIONAL SECURITY. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER GRIFFIN'S ENTHUSIASM AND LEADERSHIP INSPIRED HIS MARINES TO DELIVER UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. LEADING 168 MARINES AND ENSURING THE READINESS OF 268 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS VALUED AT OVER 9 MILLION DOLLARS, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 GRIFFIN SUPERVISED 5,159 HOURS OF ENGINEERING OPERATIONS, MOVING 31,580,496 POUNDS OF CARGO IN SUPPORT OF FLEET MARINE FORCE AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 GRIFFIN'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PERSEVERANCE AND 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

**2021 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HENRY D. ZAPATA
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, ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 3D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. WHILE SERVING AS AN ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ZAPATA COORDINATED BILATERAL TRAINING BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINE CORPS AND THE SUPPORT PLATOON MARINES DURING THE KOREAN MARINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM 20.3. IN ADDITION, HE ACTED AS MOBILITY OFFICER DURING THE REDEPLOYMENT PHASE OF THE EXERCISE AND MET WITH MULTIPLE OUTSIDE AGENCIES TO COORDINATE RETURN OF ALL 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION ASSETS. HE ENSURED THAT 123 END ITEMS VALUED AT EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS WERE PROPERLY CLEANED, MARKED AND PREPARED FOR EMBARKATION. IN SUPPORT OF NAVAL BEACH UNIT 7, HE PLANNED AND LED A BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT OF KIN BLUE TRAINING AREA IN OKINAWA, JAPAN. THE REPAIRS MADE TO THE BEACH EXCEEDED THE EXPECTATIONS OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS BY AVOIDING DISRUPTION OF LOCAL WILDLIFE AND A SEAWEED FARM. CHIEF WARRANT 2 ZAPATA BALANCED HIGH OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS OF HIS PLATOON, DEPLOYING 34 MARINES TO NINE DIFFERENT EXERCISES IN FIVE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY MAINTAINING AN 87 PERCENT MATERIAL READINESS RATING ON ENGINEER EQUIPMENT ASSETS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ZAPATA'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PERSEVERANCE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT ON 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
2020 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT KALEN T. GALL
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

STAFF SERGEANT GALL HAS EXEMPLIFIED TIRELESS DEDICATION TO DUTY AND EXHIBITED THE ABILITY TO MANAGE MULTIPLE COMPETING PRIORITIES WHILE SERVING AS AN INSTRUCTOR AND CLASS ADVISOR FOR ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NCO MACHANICS COURSE, FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. AS AN ADVANCED COURSE INSTRUCTOR, STAFF SERGEANT GALL PERFORMED OVER 600 CONTACT HOURS WITH STUDENTS COVERING INFORMAL LECTURE, DEMONSTRATION, PRACTICAL APPLICATION AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. STAFF SERGEANT GALL'S INTRINSIC MOTIVATION LED TO HIS BECOMING THE PIONEER FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING WITHIN ENGINEER EQUIPMENT INSTRUCTION COMPANY AND THE MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT, ENSURING A FUTURE FORCE THAT WILL BE INNOVATIVE AND SELF-SUFFICIENT. STAFF SERGEANT GALL'S DEMAND FOR AN ALIGNMENT OF MARINE CORPS DOCTRINE AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS THROUGH HIS CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN CIVILIAN CERTIFICATION FOUNDATIONS LED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS FOUNDATION CERTIFICATIONS FOR MECHANICS. STAFF SERGEANT GALL HAS EXCELLED IN NUMEROUS AND DIVERSE ASSIGNMENTS AND CONTINUES TO BE A FORWARD-THINKER WHO IMPLEMENTS LONG-LASTING SOLUTIONS. STAFF SERGEANT GALL HAS PROVEN TO BE A TOP PERFORMER AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUE TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ENGINEER EQUIPMENT COMMUNITY. STAFF SERGEANT GALL'S INFLUENCE ON OUR ENGINEER EQUIPMENT COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A LASTING AND DEFINITE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF MARINE CORPS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**2021 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**GUNNERY SERGEANT DELSEAN J. BARROW
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT EXEMPLIFYING TIRELESS DEDICATION TO DUTY, DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE, LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND VISION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES AS MAINTENANCE CHIEF FOR 1ST MAINTENANCE BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. DURING THIS PERIOD, GUNNERY SERGEANT BARROW APPLIED HIMSELF TO HIS UNIT MISSION, INTERMEDIATE LEVEL MAINTENANCE, AND STROVE TO ACHIEVE SHORT AND LONG-TERM SUCCESS. DURING DAILY OPERATIONS, HE COORDINATED 27 MAINTENANCE CONTACT TEAMS OVER 125 MAN-HOURS, PERFORMED 43 INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE TASKS, PROCESSED 60 ORGANIC MAINTENANCE SERVICE REQUESTS, OBTAINED 25 SECONDARY REPARABLE ITEMS WITH THE EFFECT OF IMPROVING MARINE CORPS EQUIPMENT OVER THE LONG TERM. HE IDENTIFIED INEFFICIENT AND INEFFECTIVE MAINTENANCE TRENDS AND TRAILBLAZED MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES. HE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLICATION OF A POINT PAPER ON THE M9 ARMORED COMBAT EARTH MOVER, ARTICULATING RECURRING MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS IN ORDER TO DEVELOP HIGHER HEADQUARTERS' DECISION-MAKING ON ASSET INVESTMENT OR DIVESTMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMANDANT'S CONDITIONS-BASED MAINTENANCE CALL TO ACTION, HE DROVE THE COMPLETION OF A ONE-YEAR PROJECT TO COLLECT MAINTENANCE DATA FOR RELAY TO HEADQUARTERS ANALYSTS FOR APPLICATION AT THE TACTICAL LEVEL. GUNNERY SERGEANT SERFAS'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, UNRELENTING PERSEVERANCE, AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON 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

2020 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO

CORPORAL JONATHAN VARGAS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS PLATOON SERGEANT, OPERATIONS LATOON, COMPANY B, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, CORPORAL VARGAS' OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AS AN ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NCO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCESSFUL COMPLETION OF TWO INSTALLATION-LEVEL HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, TWO 400-MILE CONVOYS, AND THE VAST IMPROVEMENT OF COMPANY B'S MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. CONSTRAINED BY TIME AND RESOURCES AND WITH LIMITED RESUPPLY, CORPORAL VARGAS COMPLETED CRITICAL REPAIRS TO ENGINEER AND MOTOR TRANSPORT VEHICLES AT THE MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER WHICH ENABLED THE PLATOON TO REPAIR 6,100 FEET OF ROAD, INCREASING THE MOBILITY FOR EXERCISE UNITS AND TRAINING CENTER CADRE. CORPORAL VARGAS CREATED AND CONTINUALLY IMPROVED COMPANY B'S MAINTENANCE PROGRAM INCREASING MATERIAL READINESS BY 55 PERCENT. AS A JUNIOR CORPORAL, HE WAS SELECTED ABOVE HIS PEERS TO SERVE AS PLATOON SERGEANT WHERE HE LED, MENTORED AND DEVELOPED 20 MARINES RESULTING IN A MARKED INCRESASE IN MAINTENANCE PROFICIENCY AND AN AVERAGE OF 30 POINTS ON THE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST. CORPORAL VARGAS' DEVOTION TO DUTY AND EAGERNESS TO SUCCEED BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY IS A DIRECT REFLECTION OF HIS ALLEGIANCE TO OUR CORPS. CORPORAL VARGAS' INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TYRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

2021 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO

CORPORAL JOHVANY RODRIGUEZ
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 OPERATOR, ENGINEER EQUIPMENT PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2020 UNTIL 31 MARCH 2021. AS PART OF THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON, LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE - CRISIS RESPONSE - CENTRAL COMMAND, CORPORAL RODRIGUEZ WAS A FORCE MULTIPLIER FOR UNITED STATES COALITION FORCES ABOARD AHMED AL JABER AIR BASE, KUWAIT. SERVING AS THE LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT LICENSING EXAMINER, HE CONDUCTED OVER 200 HOURS OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO LICENSE 24 MARINES IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OPERATORS AVAILABLE TO EXECUTE COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT MISSIONS. HIS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF 21 FORCE PROTECTION BUNKERS ACROSS AHMED AL JABER AIR BASE, ULTIMATELY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TENABLE SURVIVABILITY POSITIONS BY 50 PERCENT. HE BECAME AN IMPORTANT LIAISON WITH UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ENGINEERS AND WORKED TO ENABLE THE CRITICAL REPOSITIONING OF 15 CONTAINERS AND 20 QUAD CONS CONTAINING 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS OF EQUIPMENT TOTALING 290,000 POUNDS. WHILE IN SUPPORT OF BASE IMPROVEMENT OPERATIONS ABOARD PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, HE MANAGED A COMPOSITE TEAM OF MARINES AND UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ENGINEERS TO TRANSPORT 7,566,414 POUNDS OF MATERIAL TO CREATE FOUR STABILIZED SOIL PADS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A RADAR SITE MEASURING 261,000 SQUARE FEET. HIS EFFORTS FACILITATED THE PROVISION OF COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT FOR UNITS ACROSS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND ENGAGED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS. CORPORAL RODRIGUEZ'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, UNRELENTING PERSEVERANCE, AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT ON 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

**2020 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL GIOACCHINO A. D'ACQUISTO
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 OPERATOR, ENGINEER EQUIPMENT PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. AS PART OF SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF-CRISIS RESPONSE, HE PLAYED AN INTEGRAL ROLE DURING TRAINING IN TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA. HE SUCCESSFULLY DECONSTRUCTED BARRIERS AND PREPARED CONSTRUCTION SITES, WHICH ALLOWED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BARRIERS THAT ENHANCED TRAINING VALUE FOR UNITS. LANCE CORPORAL D'ACQUISTO ACCUMULATED MORE THAN 210 OPERATING HOURS IN A 14-DAY PERIOD, WHICH INCREASED DEPLOYMENT READINESS FOR THE ENTIRE ELEMENT. AS A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY CRISIS CELL'S SEARCH AND CHASE TEAMS, LANCE CORPORAL D'ACQUISTO BECAME AN INDISPENSABLE ASSET LEADING HIS MARINES ON LOCATING AND IDENTIFYING ROLE PLAYERS EMPLACING IMPROVED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. HE DEPLOYED TO KUWAIT SERVING AS AN ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR WHERE HE QUICKLY EARNED THE REPUTATION AS THE MOST SKILLED AND RELIABLE OPERATOR ACROSS THE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE. HE BECAME AN IMPORTANT LIAISON WITH ADJACENT SERVICE BRANCHES AND FOREIGN MILITARIES AS HE TRAINED OTHER ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ON CIVILIAN CONTRACTED EQUIPMENT THAT IMPROVED FORCE PROTECTION ON BASES. WHILE IN SUPPORT OF EXERCISE EAGER LION IN JORDAN, HE OPERATED A DEGRADED 140H MOTORIZED ROAD GRADER, IMPROVING FOUR MILES OF ROAD AND INCREASING THE SAFETY OF UNITS TRAINING. HIS EFFORTS FACILITATED THE MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR UNITS ACROSS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND. HIS EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, UNRELENTING PERSEVERANCE AND LOYAL 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

**2021 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL DAKOTA L. RULEY
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

LANCE CORPORAL RULEY EXEMPLIFIED TIRELESS DEDICATION TO DUTY AND EXHIBITED THE ABILITY TO MANAGE MULTIPLE COMPETING PRIORITIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MECHANIC FOR ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY DETACHMENT 11, ATTACHED TO DETACHMENT BULK FUEL COMPANY B, 6TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. DURING THIS PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL RULEY'S SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP, EXCEPTIONAL COMPETENCE, AND PROFESSIONALISM WERE INSTRUMENTAL TO THE UNIT'S SUCCESS. WITH LIMITED ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER OPERATORS, LANCE CORPORAL RULEY EFFECTIVELY LOADED AND MOVED OVER 300 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND CARGO EXCEEDING 50 TONS. THE SOLE EFFORTS OF LANCE CORPORAL RULEY DIRECTLY RESULTED IN SUCCESSFUL EMBARKATION, ASSEMBLY, AND RETROGRADE OF FOUR TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS, STRETCHING OVER THREE MILES, WITH HOLDING CAPACITY OF 70,000 GALLONS OF SIMULATED PETROLEUM PRODUCT. LANCE CORPORAL RULEY'S SUPPORT OF BUILDING MULTIPLE FUEL SITES WITHOUT INCIDENT DISPLAYED AN EXPERIENCE CAPABILITY WELL BEYOND HIS PEERS. LANCE CORPORAL RULEY'S EXCEPTIONAL COMPETENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM ENABLED HIS UNIT TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM EQUIPMENT READINESS AND ENSURED THAT ALL EMBARK, TRANSFER, AND RETROGRADE OF EQUIPMENT WAS PERFORMED FLAWLESSLY IN THE EXECUTION OF EACH MISSION. LANCE CORPORAL RULEY'S SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP, RESOURCEFULNESS, INITIATIVE, AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WERE EXEMPLARY AND SET A HIGH STANDARD FOR ALL MARINES TO EMULATE. HIS INFLUENCE ON THE DETACHMENT WILL HAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF BULK FUEL OPERATIONS. HIS EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, PERSEVERANCE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY 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

**2020 UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 KENNETH S. CAMPBELL
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 AND UTILITIES OFFICER, MATERIAL READINESS BRANCH, G-4 LOGISTICS DIVISION, MARINE FORCES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CAMPBELL'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM AND TECHNICAL ABILITIES WERE INTEGRAL TO MANAGING RESPONSES TO A MYRIAD OF UTILITIES AND ENGINEER MAINTENANCE CHALLENGES FACED BY THIS UNIQUELY STRUCTURED AND DYNAMIC COMPONENT COMMAND AND SERVED TO ENHANCE THE COMBAT READINESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MARINE SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES EXECUTING COMBAT MISSIONS WORLDWIDE. HIS UTILITIES, ENGINEER MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE AND TENACITY WERE CRITICAL TO MITIGATING ORGANIZATIONAL UTILITIES AND ENGINEER STRUCTURE AND CAPABILITY SHORTFALLS AND MANAGEMENT OF GENERAL ENGINEERING CAPABILITY COMPRISED OF 94 UTILITIES AND ENGINEER MARINES AND 870 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. HIS EFFORTS AS LEAD CURRICULUM DEVELOPER AND INSTRUCTOR FOR THE MULTI-DISCIPLINE LOGISTICS OPERATIONS COURSE, PERSONALLY INSTRUCTING 120 COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT MARINES IN ELECTRICAL WIRING AND GENERAL ENGINEERING TO SUPPORT DEPLOYED DISTRIBUTED OPERATIONS, WAS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. ADDITIONALLY, HE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE MARINE CORPS EFFORT TO EXPLORE INNOVATIVE EXPEDITIONARY POWER STUDIES AND CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT LEADING TO EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION DESIGNED TO INCREASE FORCE POWER RESILIENCY, REDUCING FUEL CONSUMPTION AND ENERGY DEPENDENCE. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CAMPBELL'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PERSEVERANCE, AND 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

**2021 UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 KEVIN A. RODRIGUEZ
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 PLATOON COMMANDER, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. WHILE SERVING IN A CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 BILLET, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 RODRIGUEZ TRAINED MORE THAN 175 MARINES COMPRISED OF SIX DIFFERENT MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES WHILE MAINTAINING OVER 1,100 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS VALUED OVER \$24 MILLION WITH A SUSTAINED EQUIPMENT READINESS AVERAGE OF 96 PERCENT. HE DIRECTLY IMPACTED 75 DETAILED CANTONMENT PLANS IN SUPPORT OF II MEF OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPED SEVERAL UNIQUE EXPEDITIONARY ADVANCED BASE OPERATION PROOF-OF-CONCEPT SCENARIOS COMPRISED OF SCAVENGING POWER THROUGH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND INCORPORATION OF ATMOSPHERIC WATER GENERATION ASSETS INTO EXERCISES. HIS METICULOUS PLANNING EFFORTS STRATEGICALLY REDUCED PHYSICAL SIGNATURE, DIVERSIFIED DISTRIBUTION, AND IMPROVED SUSTAINMENT THROUGH MOBILE WATER PURIFICATION AND STRATEGIC CACHE DISTRIBUTION METHODS. A PLANK HOLDER IN NUMEROUS INITIATIVES, HE INSPIRED REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES IN TRAINING MULTI- DISCIPLINED MARINES IN THE ART OF ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING, ADVANCED MECHANICS, ELECTRICAL THEORY, WATER THEORY, AND EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP THROUGH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE. CONSISTENTLY PUTTING THE MARINES FIRST, HE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO CREATE EFFECTIVE AND ENGAGING CURRICULA AND MENTORED NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN HOW TO DEVELOP MARINES WHILE ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND COHESION OF THE UNIT. PREPARING MARINES FOR FUTURE CONFLICTS, HE GROOMED AND DEVELOPED THEM TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING HIGHLY PROFICIENT AND INNOVATIVE CRITICAL THINKERS RESULTING IN SHARED TRAINING STRATEGIES THAT INFLUENCED STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL PLANNING AND IMPACTED THOUSANDS OF MARINES. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 RODRIGUEZ' INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE AND STEADFAST 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

**2020 UTILITIES STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT ELISSA A. PEDELTY
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 UTILITIES CHIEF, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. WHILE SERVING AS THE TRAINING AND UTILITIES CHIEF FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE CRISIS RESPONSE-AFRICA 19.2, NAVAL STATION SIGONELLA, ITALY, STAFF SERGEANT PEDELTY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF ALL LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT'S REQUIRED TRAINING, TO INCLUDE PLANNING AND COORDINATING BI-LATERAL ENGINEERING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH FUTURE MARINE FORCES IN ITALY VIA THE DEFENSE ATTACHE IN ROME. SHE OPTIMIZED TWELVE POWER GENERATION SITES IN THREE COUNTRIES, PLANNED AND EXECUTED A FULL MISSION PROFILE AND ONE COOPERATIVE SECURITY LOCATION EQUIPMENT VALIDATION IN DAKAR, SENEGAL. HER INITIATIVE TO CONDUCT POWER SITE IMPROVEMENTS LED TO CONTINUOUS CRISIS RESPONSE OPERATION CENTER POWER, ALLOWING FOR CONSTANT CONTACT WITH CRUCIAL EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN AREAS OF OPERATION. OUTSIDE OF HER ASSIGNED DUTIES, SHE ENCOURAGED THE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES OF 89 MARINES RESULTING IN 1,025 HOURS OF COMBINED COMMUNITY SERVICE, SUPPORTING SICILIAN COMMUNITIES AND ENHANCING MARINE CORPS PUBLIC IMAGE. STAFF SERGEANT PEDELTY'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PERSEVERANCE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT 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

**2020 UTILITIES STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT JOHNATHON P. WALKER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE ASSIGNED TO UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 6TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. DURING THIS PERIOD, STAFF SERGEANT WALKER CONSISTENTLY AND TIRELESSLY PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN AN EXEMPLARY AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER. KNOWING THE CRITICAL NATURE OF THE ASSIGNMENT, STAFF SERGEANT WALKER WAS HAND-SELECTED TO PROVIDE UTILITIES SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO NAVY SEABEES AND THE TACTICAL BATTALION AID STATION ON PARRIS ISLAND IN SUPPORT OF COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS. HIS ACTIONS HELPED FACILITATE THE RECRUIT DEPOT TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP MARINES WITH MINIMAL INTERRUPTION DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. ADDITIONALLY, HE DEVELOPED POLICY WHICH IDENTIFIED SEVERAL SHORTCOMINGS AND STREAMLINED FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES REGARDING BOILER OPERATION ON THE BASE. AN EXTREMELY PROFICIENT STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER AT HIS HOME TRAINING CENTER, HE WAS ABLE TO IMPLEMENT, MONITOR, AND TRACK ALL EVENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING TELEWORK DRILLS, GUIDING THE PLATOON TO COMPLETE 95 PERCENT OF THE PLATOON'S CALENDAR YEAR ANNUAL TRAINING COURSES. STAFF SERGEANT WALKER'S INITIATIVE AND LOYAL 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

**2020 UTILITIES NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**SERGEANT SAMUEL J. DONAHUE
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 ENGINEER MAINTENANCE CHIEF, ENGINEER PLATOON, HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINE REGIMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE- CENTRAL COMMAND AND PLATOON SERGEANT FOR UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION FROM 1 APRIL 2018 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2019. DURING THIS PERIOD, SERGEANT DONAHUE PROVIDED LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. IN THE COURSE OF THE FIRST 60 DAYS OF THE DEPLOYMENT, HE ASSESSED 200 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS VALUED AT 2.3 MILLION DOLLARS AND QUICKLY IDENTIFIED THAT THE ITEMS WERE IN A POOR STATE OF REPAIR. TAKING SWIFT AND DECISIVE ACTION UTILIZING HIS LEADERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SKILLS, HE EXPERTLY INCREASED THE MAINTENANCE READINESS FROM 70 PERCENT TO OVER 90 PERCENT, WHICH IMPROVED UNIT LETHALITY AND ABILITY TO SUPPORT. FURTHERMORE, UPON BEING TASKED TO SUPPORT THE MAGTF NORTH, SERGEANT DONAHUE SPENT OVER A MONTH AT THE SITE SUPPORTING 50 PERSONNEL. HE IMPROVED THE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THOSE INHABITING THE BASE AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UTILITIES SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE TASK FORCE'S COMMAND AND CONTROL OPERATIONS. SERGEANT DONAHUE'S DEPTH OF CONCEPTUAL UTILITIES KNOWLEDGE HAS PROVEN TO BE EXCEPTIONAL. HIS ABILITY TO TRAIN HIS MARINES AS A TEAM AND GENUINE DESIRE TO IMPART KNOWLEDGE DOWN TO THE LOWEST LEVEL IS INSPIRATIONAL. SERGEANT DONAHUE'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

**2021 UTILITIES NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CORPORAL JAMAR J. JONES
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 ELECTRICAL SECTION LEADER AND GLOBAL COMBAT SUPPORT SYSTEM-MARINE CORPS NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. CORPORAL JONES PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN AN EXEMPLARY AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER, DEMONSTRATING SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE AND PROFICIENCY WHILE SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL-OKINAWA'S FIELD PHARMACY AND NOVEL CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 19 FLU TENT WITH 12,000 WATTS PER HOUR OVER 7,200 HOURS OF EXPEDITIONARY POWER FROM TACTICAL GENERATORS. HIS EXPERTISE AND TRAINING INCREASED THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE OF MARINES IN TOPICS OF UTILITIES FIELD PLANNING, RISK MANAGEMENT, AND INTERIOR WIRING OPERATIONS. HE MANAGED AND SUPERVISED 13 TRAINING AND READINESS EVENTS TOTALING 140 TRAINING HOURS FOR 20 MARINES. ADDITIONALLY, CORPORAL JONES SUCCESSFULLY ASSISTED FIELD CARRIER LANDING PRACTICE 20.1 IN SUPPORT OF MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 121 AND A TACTICAL DEMONSTRATION FOR THE JAPANESE GROUND SELF DEFENSE FORCE. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PREPARATION FOR A SEPTEMBER 2020 LOGISTICS READINESS INSPECTION AND A DECEMBER 2020 FSMAO INSPECTION. IN PREPARATION FOR THESE INSPECTIONS, CORPORAL JONES INTRODUCED 20 UTILITIES PRINCIPLE END ITEMS INTO THE MAINTENANCE CYCLE AND PROCESSED 102 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS AND SERVICES, 203 CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE REQUESTS, AND 20 STOCKLIST- 3 ITEM REQUISITIONS. CORPORAL JONES' 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

**2020 UTILITIES MARINE OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL JENNIFER PEREZ
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS A WATER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN, UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MEF FROM 1 APRIL 2019 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2020. LANCE CORPORAL PEREZ WAS HAND-SELECTED TO DEPLOY WITH COMBAT LOGISTICS DETACHMENT 17 TO THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF CENTRAL COMMAND CRISIS RESPONSE 19.2. DUE TO HER STRONG MAINTENANCE ACUMEN, SHE WAS ASSIGNED AS ENGINEER PLATOON MAINTENANCE CHIEF, A BILLET TYPICALLY ASSIGNED TO A STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER. SHE AGGRESSIVELY SPEARHEADED THE CHALLENGING TASK OF MANAGING MAINTENANCE OF 35 PRINCIPAL END ITEMS WORTH OVER THREE MILLION DOLLARS, MAINTAINING EQUIPMENT READINESS ABOVE 90 PERCENT, WHICH ENABLED A RIGOROUS OPERATIONAL TEMPO. SHE IMPROVED THE MAINTENANCE SOP AND STREAMLINED EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CYCLES TO REDUCE OVERALL REPAIR TIME. SHE WAS AGAIN HAND-SELECTED TO BE PART OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF FEMALE ENGAGEMENT TEAM. SHE SPENT OVER 200 HOURS INSTRUCTING TEAMMATES ON PROPER PROCEDURES FOR TACTICAL SEARCH AND SEIZURE. HER PARTICIPATION MEANINGFULLY IMPROVED RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COALITION FORCES AND LOCAL NATIONALS. SHE PLAYED AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN FORTIFICATION OF STORAGE CONTAINERS WITH THE COMBAT ENGINEERS. HER SUCCESS AND EAGERNESS TO WORK OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF NORMAL DUTIES RESULTED IN ENHANCED SURVIVABILITY FOR MARINES AND ULTIMATELY WORKED TOWARD ACOMPLISHING STRATEGIC GOALS. LANCE CORPORAL PEREZ'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HER 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

**2021 UTILITIES MARINE OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL ARTHUR R. GALLOWAY III
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 ELECTRICIAN, UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021 IN SUPPORT OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION OPERATIONS. DURING THIS PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL GALLOWAY'S SUPERIOR MANAGEMENT OF 270 RECORD JACKETS AND SL-3 EXTRACTS FOR OVER 19 PRINCIPAL END ITEMS OF UTILITIES EQUIPMENT WORTH OVER 4,082,533 DOLLARS LED TO 100 PERCENT ACCOUNTABILITY OF ALL SETS, KITS, OUTFITS, AND TOOLS. LANCE CORPORAL GALLOWAY IDENTIFIED 198 MISSING AND UNSERVICEABLE SL-3 ITEMS AND TOOLS WORTH OVER 18,000 DOLLARS. DUE TO HIS METICULOUS PREPARATION, HIS SECTION RECEIVED ZERO DISCREPANCIES DURING THE LOGISTICS READINESS EVALUATION AND HE WAS PERSONALLY RECOGNIZED AS NOTEWORTHY BY THE INSPECTORS THAT CONDUCTED THE EVALUATION. BEGINNING EARLY OCTOBER 2020, LANCE CORPORAL GALLOWAY PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THE PREPARATION OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION'S ANNUAL EXERCISE STEEL KNIGHT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021. HE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS ASSISTING IN THE INVENTORY AND EMBARKATION OF 110 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS VALUED AT 1,630,085 DOLLARS. FROM 1 DECEMBER TO 11 DECEMBER 2020, LANCE CORPORAL GALLOWAY WAS ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT 1ST MARINE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT FOR STEEL KNIGHT 2021 LOCATED IN CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA. LANCE CORPORAL GALLOWAY EXPERTLY DIRECTED THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND SUSTAINMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED POWER GRID, WHICH CONTAINED SEVEN ADVANCED MOBILE MEDIUM POWER SYSTEM GENERATORS AND THIRTEEN ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL UNITS. WITH THIS EQUIPMENT, HE PROVIDED 220 HOURS OF UNINTERRUPTED AND CRITICAL UTILITIES SUPPORT TO 1ST MARINE DIVISION COMBAT OPERATION CENTER. LANCE CORPORAL GALLOWAY'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

**2020 BULK FUEL OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JACOB C. ALMAGUER
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 MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE – DARWIN FUELS OFFICER AND PLATOON COMMANDER, BULK FUEL COMPANY, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. WHILE SERVING AS THE FUELS OFFICER FOR MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE – DARWIN 19.2, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER ALMAGUER'S STRONG MANAGEMENT ACUMEN ENABLED THE CONSOLIDATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DETAILED GROUND AND AVIATION FUEL REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEFENSE ENERGY SUPPORT CENTER POLICY, AND EXERCISE AND CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS PROCEDURES, EFFECTIVELY SUPPLYING 488,762 GALLONS OF JET PROPULSION FUEL-8 WORTH 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS. HIS IRREPLACEABLE EXPERIENCE ALLOWED HIM TO AUTHOR STANDAAARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE PLANS, ALONG WITH BULK FUEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE – DARWIN 19.2 EXERCISE ORDER. HIS EFFORTS ULTIMATELY PROVIDED LONG TERM PROCEDURES FOR ALL FUTURE EXERCISES. AS A PLATOON COMMANDER, HIS UNPARALLELED LEADERSHIP RESULTED IN THE SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT AND REFINEMENT OF FOUR CONCEPTUAL TACTICAL MODULAR FUEL SYSTEMS IN DISAGGREGATED LOCATIONS TO THE CENTRAL TRAINING AREA IN PREPARAATION FOR A BATTALION FIELD EXERCISE. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ALMAGUER'S TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL EPERTISE ENABLED INCREASE OF OPERATIONAL READINESS OF 50 MARINES IN THE COMPANY AND THE REFINEMENT AND DATA COLLECTION OF CONCEPTUAL SYSTEMS FOR FUTURE BULK FUEL DOCTRINE. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ALMAGUER CONTINUES TO LEAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE UNIT AND ALL THE MARINES HE SERVED WITH. HIS INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED 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

**2021 BULK FUEL OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 CLAYTON W. LEATHERWOOD
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, SECOND PLATOON, BULK FUEL COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. AS PLATOON COMMANDER, HE SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED AND SUPERVISED 59 MARINES OF 2ND PLATOON THROUGH FIVE PLATOON AND COMPANY TRAINING EXERCISES. HE IMPROVED THE BATTALION'S BULK FUEL STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES TO INCREASE ON-HAND FUEL CAPACITY BY 14,000 GALLONS AND COORDINATED WITH MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS AND LOGISTICS COMMANDS TO DEVELOP NEW TRAINING AND READINESS STANDARDS FOR THE 15TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT DEPLOYMENT. IN AUGUST 2020 AT MARINE AVIATION WEAPONS AND TACTICS SQUADRON ONE, HE OVERSAW THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF TRAINING FOR THE EXPEDITIONARY MOBILE FUEL ADDITIZATION CAPABILITY. FROM OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 2020, HE SUPERVISED ALL FUEL TRAINING FOR THE 15TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER LEATHERWOOD'S EFFORTS ENABLED THE 15TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT TO EXECUTE CRITICAL EXPEDITIONARY ADVANCED BASE OPERATIONS TRAINING, MARITIME PATROL AND RECON AIRCRAFT MISSIONS, ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OPS AND INTEGRATED TORPEDO AND SONAR BUOY EXERCISES. HE ISSUED 594,250 GALLONS OF FUEL TO 842 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AIRCRAFT, TRACKED AND SUPERVISED ALL PERSONNEL AND CARGO MOVEMENTS, ENSURED ACCOUNTABILITY OF ALL SUPPORT AND LOGISTICAL REQUESTS, WHILE DIRECTING CRITICAL REHEARSAL AND REAL-WORLD IMMEDIATE ACTION EXERCISES THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER LEATHERWOOD HAS PROVEN HIMSELF AN INDISPENSABLE LEADER TO THE BULK FUEL COMMUNITY, AND THE MARINE CORPS. HIS DEVOTION TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT 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

**2020 BULK FUEL STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT CLAYTON S. LEVERENZ
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS OFFICER IN CHARGE, FIRST PLATOON, BULK FUEL COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT ATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. AS THE STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE ON MULTIPLE TACTICAL BULK FUEL EXERCISES, HE DEMONSTRATED UNPARALLELED ABILITY TO PLAN, EXECUTE, LEAD AND TRAIN THE MARINES UNDER HIS CHARGE. IN JUNE OF 2019, STAFF SERGEANT LEVERENZ DEMONSTRATED THE COMPANY'S ABILITY TO PLAN AND EXECUTE A HOSE LINE TRACE IN ACCORANCE WITH COURRENT DOCTRINE, SEAMLESSLY DISTRIBUTING EQUIPMENT TO ITS APPROPRIATE LOCATION TO ESTABLISH AN INCREDIBLY EFFICIENT PUMPING ORDER THAT SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFERRED PRODUCT OVER RUGGED AND STEEP TERRAIN. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2019, STAFF LERGEANT LEVERENZ PARTICIPATED IN A JOINT NAVY AND MARINE CORPS EXERCISE THAT DEMONSTRATED THE NAVY'S CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT JOINT LOGISTICS OVER THE SHORE BY WAY OF AN OFFSHORE PETROLEUM DISCHARGE SYSTEM. HIS PLANNING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A BEACH UNLOADING SITE AND FUEL STORAGE TANK FARM ALLOWED FOR OVER 200,000 GALLONDS OF PRODUCT TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM A VESSEL AT SEA TO THE MARINE CORPS. DURING THIS PERIOD, STAFF SERGEANT LEVERENZ DISPLAYED A SUPERIOR DEVOTION TO THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINES OF BULK FUEL COMPANY, FOCUSED ON DISAGGREGATED OPERATIONS IN LITTORAL ENVIRONMENT TRAINING AND INMPLENTED EMERGING WAR FIGHTING DOCTRINE. STAFF SERGEANT LEVERENZ'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

2021 BULK FUEL STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO

STAFF SERGEANT NOE MEDRANO, JR.
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 FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT OFFICER IN CHARGE, MARINE WING SUPPORT DETACHMENT, MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 164 REINFORCED, 15TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. STAFF SERGEANT MEDRANO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE TRAINING, EMBARKATION, AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT TEAM. HE SUCCESSFULLY PLANNED A COMPLEX MARINE AVIATION WEAPONS AND TACTICS SQUADRON ONE FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT OFFICER IN CHARGE COURSE, INCREASING THE COMBAT READINESS OF THE ENTIRE DETACHMENT. DURING AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT EXERCISES, HE LED A SUCCESSFUL REFUELING OPERATION, PROVIDING INSIGHTFUL FEEDBACK TO SUPPORT EMERGING EXPEDITIONARY ADVANCED BASE OPERATIONS CONCEPTS. WHILE DEPLOYED, STAFF SERGEANT MEDRANO DEPLOYED HIS MARINES ON THE SHIP FLIGHT DECK, ISSUING 664,667 GALLONS OF FUEL TO FIXED AND ROTARY-WING AIRCRAFT AND LED HIS TEAM IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT CRITICAL TO AVIATION OPERATIONS. STAFF SERGEANT MEDRANO'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

2020 BULK FUEL NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

AWARD TO

CORPORAL ABRIL A. GARCIAQUIRINO

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 MAINTENANCE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, SHE DISTINGUISHED HERSELF AS AN EXPERT IN BULK FUEL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT AND EQUIPMENT EMBARKATION BY SUSTAINING EQUIPMENT READINESS FOR 120 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS. SHE INITIATED THE SUBMISSION OF 222 SERVICE REQUESTS IN GLOBAL COMBAT SUPPORT SYSTEM MARINE CORPS, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS AND LOCAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES WHILE ENSURING THAT ALL EQUIPMENT WAS SERVICED AND PREPARED TO SUPPORT 13 EXERCISES WITHIN THE INDO-PACIFIC THEATER. HER SUPERIOR INITIATIVE AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL CONTRIBUTED TO SAFE AND RESPONSIVE ISSUANCE OF 351,625 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUEL TO 685 MARINE CORPS AND JOINT FORCES AIRCRAFT, CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY TO FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MAJOR EXERCISES AND TRAINING. HER TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF RETAIL SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES WERE ESSENTIAL IN PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF TRAINING DURING KOREAN MARINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM 19.3. DURING THIS EXERCISE, SHE SERVED AS THE ASSISTANT FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT TEAM LEADER, ENHANCING BILATERAL TRAINING, INTEROPERABILITY ON TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS, AND CRITICAL PARTNER RELATIONS. A TRULY DEPENDABLE, VERSATILE, PROFESSIONAL MARINE, CORPORAL GARCIAQUIRINO'S ACUMEN ADDED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SQUADRON. CORPORAL GARCIAQUIRINO'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HERSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**2021 BULK FUEL NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**SERGEANT WESLEY A. REVEL
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 QUALITY ASSURANCE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER AND TACTICAL AVIATION GROUND REFUELING SYSTEM TEAM MEMBER, MARINE WING SUPPORT DETACHMENT, MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 164 REINFORCED, 15TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. SERGEANT REVEL WAS A PIVOTAL CONTRIBUTOR TO THE REFUELING TEAM WHILE OVERSEEING THE QUALITY SURVEILLANCE PROCESS AND ALSO COMPLETING THE PETROLEUM LABORATORY SPECIALIST COURSE. HE MET ALL AIRCRAFT REFUELING NAVAL AIR TRAINING AND OPERATING PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS FOR NINE FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT EXERCISES. INTEGRATING THE TACTICAL AVIATION GROUND REFUELING SYSTEM TEAM AS A PUMP OPERATOR. SERGEANT REVEL WAS A KEY CONTRIBUTOR TO THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF A COMPLEX AIR INSERTED FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT DURING FLEET BATTLE PROBLEM 21-1. SERGEANT REVEL'S TECHNICAL EXPERTISE MAKES HIM A UNIQUELY QUALIFIED BULK FUEL SPECIALIST, IDEAL FOR A FORCE POSTURED FOR EXPEDITIONARY ADVANCE BASE OPERATIONS. SERGEANT REVEL'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

**2020 BULK FUEL MARINE OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL YEVGENTY A. CAZIER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS BULK FUEL SPECIALIST, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, III MEF FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. LANCE CORPORAL CAZIER PROVED TO BE A VERSATILE MARINE THROUGH HIS DISPLAY OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, ENTHUSIASM, AND ESPRIT DE CORPS. DURING THIS PERIOD, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT OF III MEF EXERCISES. WHILE DEPLOYED TO MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE – DARWIN, AUSTRALIA, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ISSUING 503,253 GALLONS OF JET PROPELLENT-8 FUEL TO 985 ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT AND TACTICAL EQUIPMENT FROM MULTIPLE U.S. ARMED FORCES UNITS AS WELL AS THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE. HE TOOK CHARGE OF THE FUEL QUALITY SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM, ASSURING ALL FUEL PROVIDED MET MILITARY STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS. HIS DEPENDABILITY PROMPTED ASSIGNMENT TO VEHICLE COMMANDER WITH RESPONSIBILITIES WELL ABOVE HIS GRADE, WHERE HE SUCCESSFULLY DIRECTED HIS VEHICLE OVER 368 MILES OF IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED TERRAIN DURING FOUR LOGISTICAL MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA’S NORTHERN TERRITORY. DURING ACTIVE SHIELD 20 ABOARD MCAS IWAKUNI, HE TOOK CHARGE OF 30 PEERS AND GUIDED CONSTRUCTION OF A FUNCTIONING TACTICAL AIRFIELD FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM. FURTHERMORE, LANCE CORPORAL CAZIER HAS DISPLAYED SELFLESSNESS THROUGH VOLUNTEERING FOR TWO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT EVENTS IN IWAKUNI, JAPAN. AS A LANCE CORPORAL, HE HAS GENERATED OPERATIONAL-LEVEL RESULTS ACROSS THE INDOPACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. LANCE CORPORAL CAZIER’S INITIATIVE, STRONG WORK ETHIC, AND 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

**2021 BULK FUEL MARINE OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**LANCE CORPORAL GAGE M. MCCLURE
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 FORWARD ARMING REFUELING POINT - POINT OPERATOR AND ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2020 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2021. DURING THIS PERIOD LANCE CORPORAL MCCLURE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS A SKILLFUL MARINE IN BULK FUEL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT AND EQUIPMENT EMBARKATION BY SUSTAINING EQUIPMENT READINESS FOR 120 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS. INITIATING THE SUBMISSIONS OF 96 SERVICE REQUESTS IN GLOBAL COMBAT SUPPORT SYSTEM-MARINE CORPS, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS AND LOCAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES, HE ENSURED ALL EQUIPMENT WAS SERVICED AND READY TO SUPPORT EXERCISES WITHIN THE WESTERN PACIFIC THEATER OF OPERATION. HE DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED IN FOUR NAMED EXERCISES AND HIS SUPERIOR INITIATIVE AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL RESULTED IN SUCCESSFUL AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT TO 111 MARINE CORPS AND JOINT FORCES AIRCRAFT WITH 93,663 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUEL, CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY TO SUSTAINING FLIGHT OPERATIONS WITHOUT MISHAP OR SPILL. HIS MOTIVATION, INTELLIGENCE, AND POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE ENABLED HIM TO MANAGE RETAIL SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE READINESS OF 13 TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS, RESULTING IN A MISSION CAPABLE RATING DURING THE SQUADRON'S 2020 FIELD SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE ANALYSIS OFFICE INSPECTION. LANCE CORPORAL MCCLURE'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

**2020 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JOHN R. HALL
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JOHN R. HALL DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY DEMONSTRATING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP, TECHNICAL EXPRTISE AND MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING IN A FORWARD DEPLOYED COMBAT ZONE AS EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OFFICER, STRIKE DIRECTOR AND BATTLE CAPTAIN FOR TASK FORCE SOUTH WEST, AFGHANISTAN FROM APRIL 2019 TO FEBRUARY 2020 AND EOD COMPANY OPERATIONS OFFICER FROM FEBRUARY 2020 TO MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HALL SUPERVISED ALL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS AND ADVISING, DIRECTED FIRES AND KINETIC STRIKES ON ENEMY COMBATANTS, AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLOITING AND PROCESSING EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE ITEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES FOR TASK FORCE SOUTH WEST. HIS DIRECT ACTIONS AND THAT OF HIS MARINES LED TO THE EXECUTION OF 32 KINETIC STRIKES, 39 ENEMY KILLED, FIVE ENEMY WOUNDED, THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE TUNNEL SYSTEM, 40 POUNDS OF HOME MADE EXPLOSIVES AND 1,000 POUNDS OF NARCOTICS. HE DEVELOPED AND AUTHORED EOD GOVERNING DIRECTIVES FOR TASK FORCE SOUTH WEST AND ENSURED THE PROPER ACCOUNTABILITY AND RETROGRADE OF OVER 2 MILLION DOLLARS IN EOD MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT. AS THE EOD COMPANY OPERATIONS OFFICER CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HALL AIDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW COURSE INSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES WITH DIGITAL MEANS AT NO COST TO THE GOVERNMENT. THIS NEW CAPABILITY HAS ALLOWED MARINES TO TRAIN AND DEVELOP NEW CAPABILITY DESITE CURRENT TRAVEL AND TRAINING RESTRICTIONS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HALL'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND LOYAL 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

**2021 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 CHARLES D. HEYER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS THE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OFFICER IN CHARGE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE FROM 1 APRIL 2020 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2021. CWO2 HEYER DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE AND INITIATIVE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES. HE NOTICED A CRITICAL CAPABILITIES LOSS TO CENTRAL COMMAND'S FORENSIC EXPLOITATION LAB AND DEVELOPED A SOLUTION FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WORKING WITH ADJACENT SERVICE COMPONENTS, HE HELPED CREATE ORGANIC CAPABILITIES TO THE FORENSIC EXPLOITATION LAB. HE MANAGED DISASSEMBLY AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING OPERATIONS ON FIFTEEN FOREIGN IMPROVISED ORDNANCE ITEMS. THIS LED TO DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATION UPDATE FOR SIX JOINT EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL PUBLICATIONS. HE ALSO PROVIDED DIRECT GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION TO OVER 20 HIGH-RISK EVOLUTIONS AND CRITICAL SUPERVISION OF THREE SEPARATE TEAMS SUPPORTING OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE AND TASK FORCE TACTICAL RECOVERY OF AIRCRAFT AND PERSONNEL. HIS PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS THROUGHOUT CENTRAL COMMAND, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND ADJACENT EOD UNITS HAVE ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ACROSS THE MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL PROGRAM, AND HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER HEYER'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

**2020 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**GUNNERY SERGEANT SETH A. STRAIT
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 SUPPORT OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS TASK FORCE-SYRIA, OPERATIONAL DETACHMENT ALPHA FROM APRIL 2019 TO OCTOBER 2019. GUNNERY SERGEANT STRAIT 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 64 PATROLS AND RAIDS. DURING THESE OPERATIONS, HE LED THREE COUNTER OIL SMUGGLING OPERATIONS, CONDUCTED A SUICIDE VEHICLE-BORNE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE POST BLAST ANALYSIS, AND EXPLOITED THE LARGEST ENEMY EXPLOSIVES CACHE IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, GREATLY DIMINISHING THE ENEMY'S ABILITY TO MOUNT NEW ATTACKS. HIS DEDICATED EFFORTS SERVED TO ASSIST LOCAL SECURITY FORCES BY EXPLOITING OVER 20 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE COMPONENTS AND ELECTRONICS FOR BIOMETRIC DATA WHILE ALSO IMPROVING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LOCAL SECURITY FORCES, SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AND THE LOCAL POPULACE. ADDITIONALLY, GUNNERY SERGEANT STRAIT LOCATED, RECOVERED, AND CONDUCTED EXPLOITATION OPERATIONS ON A FOREIGN AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE IN ORDER TO GAIN CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR THE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITIES. HIS ACTIONS LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON ALL PERSONNEL HE SUPPORTED AND ADVISED. DURING SEVERAL HIGH RISK OPERATIONS, GUNNERY SERGEANT STRAIT'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

**2021 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT PAUL J. BUTCHER
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, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATALUON AND TASK FORCE KOA MOANA 20, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. STAFF SERGEANT BUTCHER PIONEERED TACTICAL ASSAULT KIT UTILIZATION THROUGHOUT MARINE CORPS OPERATING FORCES WHILE FORWARD DEPLOYED. ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH HIS INITIATIVE AND AFTER COUNTLESS HOURS OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND PROGRAM MAINTENANCE, HE ENSURED TACTICAL ASSAULT KIT INTEGRATION INTO I MEF COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING, PRODUCING A CAPABILITY THAT HAS ENHANCED THE LETHALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF SCORES OF MARINE CORPS UNITS. WHILE DEPLOYED TO THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU DURING TASK FORCE KOA MOANA, STAFF SERGEANT BUTCHER UTILIZED AND MAINTAINED STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGIES CONDUCTING FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND LITTORAL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL MISSIONS AS SOLE TECHNICAL EXPERT ENABLING MISSION SUCCESS. HE PILOTED UNDERWATER ROBOTICS PLATFORMS THROUGH 750,000 SQUARE METERS OF HARSH OCEAN ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING THAT OF A WORLD WAR II ERA SHIPWRECK CONTAINING 60,000 POUNDS OF NET EXPLOSIVE WEIGHT OF CORRODED AND ACIDIC UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE HIS EFFORTS TO NEUTRALIZE EXPLOSIVE THREATS IN THE LITTORALS WITHIN A KEY ALLIED NATION DIRECTLY LED TO SAFE MANEUVER AND MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE TASK FORCE. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT DIRECTLY RESULTED IN ENHANCING UNITED STATES STRATEGIC INTERESTS WITHIN THE INDO-PACIFIC THEATRE. STAFF SERGEANT BUTCHER'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

**2020 COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION CONTINUED DYNAMIC INNOVATION, COMBAT READINESS, AND VISIONARY DOCTRINAL RESURGENCE THAT OCCURRED AMIDST A RAPID AND UNYIELDING OPERATIONAL TEMPO BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. WITH RESPECT TO REAL WORLD OPERATIONS, THE BATTALION PROVIDED SPECIALLY TASK-ORGANIZED ENGINEER PLATOONS TO BOTH WEST COAST AND 31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNITS, TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE CRISIS RESPONSE CENTRAL COMMAND, AS WELL AS THE MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE – DARWIN. AFOREMENTIONED FORCES DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL COMMAND AND INDO-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 BATTALION FIELD EXERCISES, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION EXECUTED MOBILITY, COUNTER MOBILITY, SURVIVABILITY, ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE AND LIMITED GENERAL ENGINEERING TO INCREASE COMBAT EFFICACY IN SUPPORT OF MANEUVER FORCES. 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, ACTING AS THE VOICE FOR DIVISION COMBAT ENGINEERS, PROVIDED CRITICAL INPUT INTO THE SUNDOWN PLAN FOR ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE AND CLEARANCE LEGACY EQUIPMENT, EXPLOSIVE HAZARD AND MINE COUNTERMEASURE FUNCTIONAL CONCEPT, AND KEY CAPABILITIES REQUIRED TO EXECUTE JOINT FORCIBLE ENTRY OPERATIONS. THE BATTALION ALSO SERVED AS THE LEAD VOICE IN THE NEED FOR LETHAL AREA DENIAL, ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE FOR DIVISION, AND ALIGNING ENGINEER FORCES ACROSS ALL ELEMENTS OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION. DURING THIS PERIOD, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION WON THE COMBAT ENGINEER SAPPER SQUAD COMPETITION. 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL 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

**2021 COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**2ND COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE PROVIDING SUPERLATIVE COMBAT ENGINEER SUPPORT TO 2D MARINE DIVISION AND II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR COMBAT ENGINEER SUPPORT TO 2D MARINE DIVISION, FIVE COMBATANT COMMANDS DURING NINE GLOBAL FORCE MANAGEMENT MISSIONS, AND TWO MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT DEPLOYMENTS. THE BATTALION CONDUCTED CHALLENGING TRAINING THAT BUILT RELATIONSHIPS AND ENHANCED INTEROPERABILITY WITH ALLIED NATIONS. 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL PROFICIENCY AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH SUSTAINED HIGH LEVELS OF MATERIAL READINESS RESULTING IN NOTEWORTHY INSPECTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS, EXCELLING IN ALL FIVE FUNCTIONAL AREAS. THE BATTALION CONSTRUCTED A COMPANY-LEVEL COMBINED ARMS LIVE-FIRE AND MANEUVER ATTACK RANGE THAT GREATLY IMPROVED THE CAMP LEJEUNE RANGE AND TRAINING AREA CAPABILITIES. THESE EFFORTS HAVE DIRECTLY RESULTED IN ENDURING AND SUBSTANTIALLY POSITIVE IMPACTS TO TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE UNITS TO INCREASE COMBAT READINESS ABOARD CAMP LEJEUNE. ADDITIONALLY, THE BATTALION WAS THE FIRST INDEPENDENT BATTALION ASSIGNED AS THE II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES-BASED ALERT FORCE AND WAS TASKED TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND AT A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DIRECTED SITE. FURTHERMORE, THE BATTALION ADVANCED THE FORCE DESIGN 2030 DIRECTIVE BY DIVESTING ANTIQUATED EQUIPMENT AND TESTING AND EVALUATING NEW TECHNOLOGY AND CAPABILITIES DURING JOINT AND BILATERAL EXERCISES. BY THEIR NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, IMPECCABLE PROFESSIONALISM, AND COMPLETE DEDICATION TO DUTY, THE MEMBERS OF 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION PROVIDED ESSENTIAL COMBAT ENGINEER SUPPORT TO MARINE INFANTRY UNITS. THEIR HALLMARK ACHIEVEMENTS REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**2020 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 APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION SUPPORTED 27 NAMED EXERCISES, INVOLVING 11 NATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, GREATLY IMPROVING ENGINEER INTEROPERABILITY IN THE REGION. THE BATTALION CONTRIBUTED TO HUMANITARIAN CIVIC ASSISTANCE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PACIFIC, PARTICIPATING IN 2 ENGINEER CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM EXERCISES, CONSTRUCTING 3 SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND REPAIRING OTHERS. THE BATTALION ALSO PROVIDED TRAINING, EXPERTISE, AND INCREASED CAPABILITY TO THAILAND, CAMBODIA, AND LAOS THROUGH 6 ITERATIONS OF HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION PROGRAM TRAINING TEAMS AND 4 ITERATIONS OF DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTABILITY AGENCY DEPLOYMENTS. DURING KMED 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, INCORPORATING APPROXIMATELY 350 SERVICE MEMBERS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINE CORPS AND U.S. ARMY MULTI-ROLE BRIDGE COMPANY IN MOBILITY, COUNTER-MOBILITY, SURVIVABILITY, AND BULK FUEL TRAINING. FOR THE FIRST TIME, 9TH ESB SERVED AS LEAD PLANNING ELEMENT FOR THE COMBINED JOINT CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS TASK FORCE AND HUMANITARIAN CIVIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR COBRA GOLD 20, PLANNING 7 JOINT/COMBINED ENGINEER CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM PROJECTS, 12 COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS, AND 7 COOPERATIVE HEALTH ENGAGEMENTS. THROUGH 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 WHICH REFLECTED GREAT 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

**2021 ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021 PROVIDING EXTENSIVE AND DIVERSE SUPPORT TO 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, JOINT FORCES, AND MULTIPLE EXERCISES, OPERATIONS, AND DEPLOYMENTS. 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION EMBODIED THE CONCEPT OF "EVERY CLIME AND PLACE" BY SIMULTANEOUSLY SUPPORTING EIGHT NAMED EXERCISES AND FIVE WORLDWIDE DEPLOYMENTS ACROSS THREE COMBATANT COMMANDS. THE UNIT HAS MADE NUMEROUS ADVANCES IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION IN EXPEDITIONARY ADVANCED BASE OPERATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THE BATTALION DROVE NEW INITIATIVES IN THE NEUTRALIZATION OF LITTORAL EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS, EXERCISED THE TRANSFER AND RECEIPT OF BULK FUEL FROM SHIP TO SHORE, AND EMPLOYED CIVILIAN TECHNOLOGY IN TACTICAL SCENARIOS TO CONSTRUCT SURVIVABILITY POSITIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE BATTALION BOLSTERED COMBINED JOINT INTEGRATION WITH NAVY, ARMY, AND CIVILIAN AGENCIES DURING A DEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE 30TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT, EXERCISE TURNING POINT, DAM REDUCTION IN THE CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST, AND TASK FORCE KOA MOANA. IN SUPPORT OF JOINT TASK FORCE NORTH, THE BATTALION DESIGNED ALL-WEATHER PATROL ROADS TO DETER AND PREVENT NARCOTICS AND TRANSNATIONAL THREATS. FINALLY, THE BATTALION FORMED A 234-MARINE TASK FORCE TO COMBAT WILDLAND FIRES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. THIS TASK FORCE, COMPLETE WITH A COMMAND NODE, RECEIVED ASSIGNMENTS TO COMBAT TWO OF THE LARGEST FIRES IN CALIFORNIA STATE HISTORY DEMONSTRATING THE FLEXIBILITY AND RANGE IN 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION'S CAPABILITIES. 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION'S DEDICATION TO PROVIDING AGGRESSIVE SUPPORT TO I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE REFLECTED CREDIT ON THEMSELVES AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

**2020 MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON
ENGINEER COMPANY OF THE YEAR AWARD TO
ENGINEER COMPANY
MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AS ENGINEER COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, ENGINEER COMPANY DISPLAYED EXCEPTIONAL PERSEVERANCE AND INGENUITY IN THE EXECUTION OF 11 EXERCISES ACROSS THE INDO-PACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN PROVIDING SUSTAINED ENGINEER SUPPORT ABOARD MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI. IN TOTAL, THE MARINES OF ENGINEER COMPANY EXECUTED 14 DRAFTING AND SURVEY MISSIONS AND 513 HEAVY EQUIPMENT MISSIONS, HANDLED OVER NINE MILLION POUNDS OF CARGO, GENERATED OVER 11 MILLION WATTS OF UNINTERRUPTED POWER, PURIFIED OVER 200,000 GALLONS OF WATER, AND PERFORMED OVER 10,000 MAN-HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION. FURTHERMORE, ENGINEERS IMPROVED MOBILITY, COUNTER MOBILITY, SURVIVABILITY, AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SKILLS IN A RESTRICTIVE TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD, CULMINATING IN A TOTAL DEFENSE READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM COMPLETION OF 78%, SUSTAINING A MAINTENANCE READINESS RATING EXCEEDING 90% FOR OVER 400 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS, ENGINEERS MAINTAINED EQUIPMENT SUPERBLY IN A HIGH OPERATIONAL TEMPO AND CHALLENGING LOGISTICS ENVIRONMENT. IN THE EXECUTION OF A RIGOROUS TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL REGIMEN, ENGINEER COMPANY NEVERTHELESS SUCCESSFULLY EXPANDED ITS FOOTPRINT IN EXERCISES COPE NORTH 20 AND ACTIVE SHIELD 20, FURTHER IMPACTING ENGINEERING PROFICIENCY ACROSS THE REGION. MARINES OF ENGINEER COMPANY ALSO IMPLEMENTED NEW TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT BENCHMARKING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE ENGINEERING MISSION SPECIFIC TO THE MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON. ENGINEER COMPANY'S COMMITMENT TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT, INNOVATION, AND TOTAL 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

**2021 MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON
ENGINEER COMPANY OF THE YEAR AWARD TO
ENGINEER COMPANY
MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGINEERING OPERATIONS AS A PART OF MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 39. 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE AND IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND 21. 1. DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2021, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372 ENGINEERS SUSTAINED AN INCREDIBLE OPERATIONAL TEMPO, OVERCAME NUMEROUS CHALLENGES, AND ACHIEVED UNPARALLELED SUCCESS IN EVERY ENDEAVOR. ENGINEERS PLANNED AND EXECUTED OVER 358 LOGISTICAL SUPPORT REQUESTS WHILE ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS HANDLED OVER 4,048,025 POUNDS OF EQUIPMENT AND LOGGED A TOTAL OF 1,730 OPERATOR HOURS. THE ENGINEERS CONDUCTED MULTIPLE GENERAL ENGINEERING REQUESTS THAT FACILITATED TRAINING FOR ADJACENT UNITS, EXPEDITED EMBARKATION OF EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT RETROGRADE AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND ENABLED THE MOVEMENT OF MISSION CRITICAL EQUIPMENT TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS. CONCURRENTLY, ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY MAINTAINED A HIGH OPERATIONAL TEMPO BACK IN CONUS. DURING THIS TIME, ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED OVER 219 MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT SUPPORT REQUESTS TOTALING OVER 6,198,144 POUNDS OF MATERIAL MOVED AND OVER 853 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATING HOURS. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMPANY CONDUCTED FIVE AIRCRAFT RECOVERIES, DEMOLISHED TWO 50'X100'X1' CONCRETE PADS ABOARD MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CAMP PENDLETON, AND REPAIRED ONE MILE OF THE SAN MARGARITA ROAD, FURTHER DEMONSTRATING OUTSTANDING ENGINEERING SUPPORT THAT THE COMPANY IS CAPABLE OF DELIVERING. DESPITE THIS HIGH OPERATIONAL TEMPO, THE COMPANY WAS ALSO ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY DIVEST OVER \$5,268,045 DOLLARS WORTH OF ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A REDUCTION OF MANPOWER IN SUPPORT OF FORCE DESIGN INITIATIVES. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, THE MARINES OF ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY DEMONSTRATED, BOTH AT HOME STATION AND WHILE DEPLOYED, THAT THE DIAMONDBACKS ARE THE MOST INNOVATIVE, RELENTLESS, RELIABLE, AND COMBAT READY MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON ENGINEER COMPANY IN THE MARINE CORPS.

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 President'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 ostentatious.

So, starting in 2010, award recipients received 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 but 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 are a 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 other MCEA logo items are available at 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.