

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION
OF THE
MARINE CORPS ENGINEER
ASSOCIATION



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

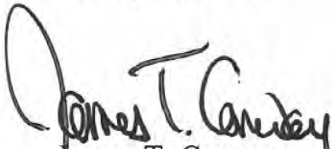
On behalf of all Marines, it is my pleasure to extend heartiest greetings to the members of the Marine Corps Engineer Association as you gather for your 18th annual reunion and awards banquet. Reunions like this help carry on the traditions of our Corps and offer Marines the opportunity to rekindle old friendships and honor those who have gone before.

As you celebrate the distinguished history of the Marine Corps Engineers, it seems fitting that you meet at Quantico, where the Marine Engineers first formed nearly 80 years ago. Since then, engineers, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marines, and Navy Construction Force Seabees have played vital roles in every major conflict our Nation has faced. From the amphibious campaigns of World War II to combat operations in Korea and Vietnam, you have unfailingly served with the utmost courage and professionalism. Obstacle clearing operations during Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM furthered that legacy and set the standard for future generations. Today, as we work on returning control to the Iraqis and rebuilding both Iraq and Afghanistan, our engineers, EOD personnel, and Seabees continue to perform crucial operations around the globe.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients at this year's reunion! You can take great pride in earning recognition amongst such an elite group of warriors. As all of you gather to enjoy the camaraderie of this reunion and reflect on the illustrious history of your Engineer and Seabee units, know that all Marines are truly grateful for your service to our great Nation. Your continued commitment to your brothers- and sisters-in-arms is a testament to lifelong bonds that are forged on the battlefield and an inspiration to all who follow in your footsteps. Warmest regards and best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable reunion!

*Have a great
reunion, Marines!*

Semper Fidelis,


James T. Conway
General, U.S. Marine Corps

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of our Marine Corps Engineer Association, WELCOME TO ONE & ALL!!

For the 18th time, we come together to visit with our fellow Marines, shipmates, families and friends. In addition, we look forward to meeting new people, swapping war stories, sharing our pictures, memories and making new acquaintances.

As we've done since 1998, we recognize the "Best of the Best" Marine Corps Engineers and EOD. Additionally, we will recognize the complement to our Marine Corps/Navy team-the "Outstanding Naval Construction Force Unit." We offer our most heartfelt congratulations to all the individual and unit winners. You have our utmost respect for what you have done and continue to do in support of our Beloved Nation. We're extremely proud of each and every one of you. We're all blessed because we're represented by the best!

We also will pause to remember & recognize our members who are no longer with us and who have been added to our Honor Roll; GOD bless them and their loved ones.

We offer our genuine appreciation to The Society of American Military Engineers, and their Executive Director, Dr. Bob Wolff for their support to this awards ceremony!

Reunions are a significant part of our Corps' traditions. By maintaining the bonds forged in battle and gathering together to reminisce and to honor those who are no longer with us, we stay true to the ethos we Marines live by.

Hope to see all of you again next October in San Diego, California.

Please enjoy yourselves and if we can do anything to assist you during the reunion, just let your Executive Committee members know; especially me!!!

GOD Bless and Semper Fidelis;

**Ken Frantz
Col USMC (Ret)
President**



Lieutenant General Frank A. Panter, Jr. Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics

Enlisting in the Marine Corps in August 1968, he served until 1972. This included a tour in the Republic of Vietnam with the 1st Marine Division. After graduating in 1975 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology, he entered Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in July 1975.

Following The Basic School in 1976, Second Lieutenant Panter attended the Basic Combat Engineer Course. He then served as a Combat Engineer and Shore Party Platoon Commander, Alpha Company, 3D Combat Engineer Battalion, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii participating in several deployments throughout the Western Pacific. Transferred in July 1979 to the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Georgia, Captain Panter served as the Commanding General's aide-de-camp until 1982. Captain Panter then served as Inspector-Instructor for Headquarters & Service Company and Assistant Battalion Inspector-Instructor, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Portland, Oregon until 1986. He was later assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington D.C. as an Acquisition Project Officer for engineer equipment.

In 1990 Major Panter was transferred to Okinawa, Japan and served as the Operations Officer and later as the Executive Officer for 3d Combat Engineer Battalion, 3d Marine Division. After being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, he assumed command of the 3d Combat Engineer Battalion. While at 3d Combat Engineer Battalion he participates in Operation FIERY VIGIL, providing disaster relief assistance in the Philippines after the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo.

In 1993 Lieutenant Colonel Panter was transferred to United States Central Command, Tampa, Florida and served as the Branch Chief, Exercise Branch, Logistics and Security Assistance Directorate (J4) and also as the Humanitarian Assessment Survey Team (HAST) Chief.

During 1997 he was transferred to Naples, Italy, where he served as the Military Assistant and Senior Special Assistant to the Commander-in-Chief, United States Naval Forces Europe / Commander, Allied Forces Southern Europe.

In July 1998, Colonel Panter was transferred to United States Atlantic Command, Norfolk, Virginia where he served as the Deputy Chief and later Chief of the Current Operations Division, Operations Directorate (J3). During August 1999 Colonel Panter was transferred to the 2D Marine Aircraft Wing and served as the 2D Marine Aircraft Wing Inspector until assuming command of Marine Wing Support Group 27, which he commanded for two years.

From July 2002 until August 2003, Brigadier General Panter served as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Lab in Quantico, VA and the Vice Chief, Office of Naval Research.

In September 2003 he assumed command of the 3d Marine Logistics Group. During this tour he commanded the Combined Support Group-Sri Lanka, Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, which was responsible for U.S. military tsunami disaster relief assistance in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Also during this tour, Brigadier General Panter deployed forces to Pakistan for earthquake disaster relief efforts as well as commanding the U.S. forces in Indonesia for earthquake disaster relief operations.

During August 2006 Brigadier General Panter was transferred to Headquarters, Marine Corps where he assumed duties as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Plans, Policy and Strategic Mobility).

From 2007 to 2009, Major General Panter served as the Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Korea and Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategy and Plans, U/C/J-5, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea.

Lieutenant General Panter is a graduate of the United States Army's Advance Engineer Officer's Course, the Marine Corps' Command & Staff College, the Naval War College and the Air Force's Air War College (nonresident). He has a Master of Education degree in Secondary Mathematics and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.



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The
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*is to be engraved on a Brick lining the winding pathways of Semper Fidelis Memorial Park
overlooking the National Museum of the Marine Corps*

Ron Christmas

LTGEN RON CHRISTMAS, USMC (RET)
PRESIDENT
MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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GENERAL WALTER E. BOOMER, USMC (RET)
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION

2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS

COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	CAPT TODD A. PETERSON	1ST CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	GYSGT JERRY F. EAGLE	1ST CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	SGT LEROY N. RICHIE	CAB
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	CPL DUSTIN D. WEIER	2D CEB
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO 3 JOHN H. WALTER	1ST CEB
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT SNCO	GYSGT RENE M. GARZA	CAB
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NCO	CPL ANTHONY D. QUEISSER	CAB
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE	LCPL DANIEL J. STENEKEN	1ST CEB
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO 3 JEFFREY A. FOWLER	7TH ESB
UTILITIES SNCO	SSGT JOSHUA L. HOFFMAN	1ST CEB
UTILITIES NCO	SGT CURT W. VANGORDEN	8TH ESB
UTILITIES MARINE	CPL ROBERT BARNARD	9TH COMM
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO 3 BRADLEY D. KUSSATZ	MWSS 371
BULK FUEL SNCO	SSGT CHARLIE L. HARRISON	8TH ESB
BULK FUEL NCO	CPL BILLY J. MIRACLE	9TH ESB
BULK FUEL MARINE	CPL JOSHUA S. YOST	MWSS 371
EOD OFFICER	CWO 2 JEREMIAH T. HAMRIC	8TH ESB
SSGT WILLIAM CALLAHAN MEMORIAL EOD TECH AWARD	GYSGT ERIC J. GONZALEZ	8TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION	1ST CEB	1ST MARDIV
ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION	8TH ESB	2D MLG
MWSS, ENGINEER COMPANY	MWSS 372	3RD MAW
NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE UNIT	NMCB 5	1ST NCD

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CAPTAIN TODD PETERSON
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS COMPANY COMMANDER, DELTA COMPANY, FIRST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM THREE, MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE-AFGHANISTAN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 9.1 FROM JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 2009. IN SUPPORT OF DECISIVE OPERATIONS, CAPTAIN PETERSON PLANNED, COORDINATED AND DIRECTED OVER 160 PRIORITIZED ENGINEER PROJECTS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF 6 PATROL BASES, 6 COMBAT OUTPOSTS, 3 BATTALION FORWARD OPERATING BASES, AND 25 VEHICLE CROSSING POINTS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN HELMAND PROVINCE. ON AUGUST 20TH, CAPTAIN PETERSON PERSONALLY CAME UNDER ACCURATE ENEMY FIRES WHILE SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PATROL BASE DARVISHAN NEAR THE CITY OF KOSHTAY. DISREGARDING HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, HE LED A GROUP OF MARINES ACROSS OPEN TERRAIN WHERE HE ESTABLISHED AN OVERWATCH AT THE ENTRY CONTROL POINT, SUPPRESSED AN ELEVATED ENEMY POSITION, AND DIRECTED HIS MARINES FIRES TO SUCCESSFULLY REPEL THE COORDINATED ATTACK WHILE SUSTAINING NO CASUALTIES. CAPTAIN PETERSON'S DECISIVE LEADERSHIP, COURAGE UNDER FIRE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

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

**GUNNERY SERGEANT JERRY EAGLE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING AS PLATOON SERGEANT, ROUTE CLEARANCE PLATOON, MOBILITY ASSAULT COMPANY, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 2D MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE- AFGHANISTAN FROM APRIL 2009 TO NOVEMBER 2009. GUNNERY SERGEANT EAGLE'S VAST KNOWLEDGE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT RESULTED IN OVER 70 IEDS BEING LOCATED AND NEUTRALIZED, THOUSANDS OF KILOMETERS OF ROADS BEING CLEARED, AND NUMEROUS CACHES OF WEAPONS AND DRUGS BEING DESTROYED. HIS LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE NO DOUBT SAVED HUNDREDS OF LIVES AND DIRECTLY RESULTED IN THE 86 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE OF HIS PLATOON. FACED WITH AN EVERY CHANGING ENEMY, GUNNERY SERGEANT EAGLE QUICKLY ADJUSTED TTPs, CREATING A NEW ROUTE CLEARANCE SOP WHICH WOULD BECOME UTILIZED THROUGHOUT HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN. GUNNERY SERGEANT EAGLE REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF INGENUITY AND COMBAT LEADERSHIP ESSENTIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER. GUNNERY SERGEANT EAGLE'S HARD WORK AND DEVOTION TO DUTY RELECTED 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 THE

COMBAT ENGINEER NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**SERGEANT LEROY RICHIE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER SQUAD LEADER, 3RD PLATOON, COMBAT ENGINEER COMPANY, COMBAT ASSAULT BATTALION, 3D MARINE DIVISION, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FROM MARCH 2009 TO APRIL 2010. AS A NEWLY PROMOTED SERGEANT AND THE ONLY MEMBER OF HIS SQUAD WITH PRIOR COMBAT DEPLOYMENT, SERGEANT RICHIE SUPERBLY TRAINED HIS ENGINEERS FOR ONE OF THE MOST KINETIC PARTS OF HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. SERGEANT RICHIE TRAINED HIS ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT THE PERILOUS MISSION OF USING A MINE DETECTOR TO SWEEP FOR IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AT THE FRONT OF EVERY DISMOUNTED PATROL. HE TRAINED HIS SQUAD IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF FOUR DIFFERENT TYPES OF MINE DETECTORS, URBAN BREACHING TECHNIQUES, AND PATROLLING SKILLS. AS A DIRECT RESULT OF HIS SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP, SERGEANT RICHIE'S SQUAD OF MARINES PERFORMED SKILLFULLY IN COMBAT, EARNING AMONG THEM THREE AWARDS WITH COMBAT DISTINGUISHING DEVICES. SERGEANT RICHIE CONSISTENTLY LED FROM THE FRONT, PERSONALLY SWEEPING FOR IEDS ON OVER 40 PATROLS. ON ONE OCCASION, SERGEANT RICHIE ABSORBED FRAGMENTATION INJURIES FROM AN ENEMY IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AND WAS TEMPORARILY RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS. DESPITE BEING WOUNDED, SERGEANT RICHIE UNSELFISHLY CARRIED OUT HIS DUTIES AND REFUSING MEDICAL EVACUATION. AS A TESTAMENT TO HIS DETERMINATION, SERGEANT RICHIE TIRELESSLY WORKED TO IMPROVE COMBAT ENGINEER STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES WITHIN THE BATTALION. HE TAUGHT INFANTRY MARINES HOW TO OPERATE A MINE DETECTOR IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. UPON RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENT SERGEANT RICHIE ASSUMED DUTY AS PLATOON GUIDE AND DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE PLATOON'S SUCCESS IN TRANSITIONING FROM COMBAT TO A GARRISON ENVIRONMENT. SERGEANT RICHIE'S LEADERSHIP, HEROISM, AND COMPLETE DEDICATION TO HIS MARINES, 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 THE

COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CORPORAL DUSTIN WEIER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES AS A COMBAT ENGINEER DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010. DURING THIS TIME, LANCE CORPORAL WEIER CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING WITH BOTH HIS PARENT UNIT OF 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, AS WELL AS THE UNIT TO WHICH HE WAS ATTACHED, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES. THROUGHOUT THIS TRAINING, NOT ONLY DID HE HONE HIS OWN ENGINEERING SKILLS, BUT ALSO PROVIDED A REALISTIC VIEW OF THE ENGINEERING CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS THAT WOULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR DURING THE UPCOMING DEPLOYMENT. THROUGHOUT DEPLOYMENT, LANCE CORPORAL WEIER SHOWED INITIATIVE AND JUDGMENT WELL BEYOND HIS RANK. DESPITE BEING HIS FIRST DEPLOYMENT, HE QUICKLY TOOK CHARGE OF AN ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT OF PATROL BASE BARROWS. FOLLOWING COORDINATION WITH HIGHER HEADQUARTERS, HE DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE FORCE PROTECTION AND CANTONEMENT PLAN TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE POSITION. ADDITIONALLY, HE SERVED ON HUNDREDS OF DISMOUNTED PATROLS THROUGHOUT HIS BATTLESPACE, ENSURING FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR HIS COMPANY. BECAUSE OF HIS EFFORTS AND MOS PROFICIENCY, HE WAS CREDITED WITH LOCATING 10 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS SERVED TO NOT ONLY ENSURE MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT, BUT ALSO TO INSPIRE OTHER MARINES TO SUCCESS. HIS INITIATIVES AND PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES RELECTED 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 THE

ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 JOHN WALTER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010. WHILE SUPPORTING REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 3, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER WALTER EMPLOYED HIS TWENTY MAN MAINTENANCE PLATOON BY PROVIDING CRITICAL REPAIRS TO THE ENGINEER EQUIPMENT AND WHEELED VEHICLES FOR THREE BATTALIONS AND TWO INDEPENDENT COMPANIES. WITH A SEVERE LACK OF TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER WALTER VOLUNTEERED TO TRAVERSE A 130 KILOMETER STRETCH OF ENEMY TERRITORY NEARLY A DOZEN TIMES IN ORDER TO DELIVER MUCH NEEDED PIECES OF ENGINEER EQUIPMENT AND MORE THAN 3 MILLION DOLLARS IN REPAIR PARTS. WITH FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE BRUTAL TERRAIN CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER WALTER DEVELOPED AND TRAINED A RECOVERY TEAM THAT AT THE END OF THE TOUR HAD CONDUCTED MORE THAN 200 VEHICLE RECOVERIES. HIS PROACTIVE STANCE AND SUPERIOR MAINTENANCE KNOWLEDGE ENABLED HIM TO MAINTAIN A READINESS PERCENTAGE OF MORE THAN 95% FOR THE ENTIRE DEPLOYMENT. UPON RETURNING TO CAMP PENDLETON, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER WALTER BEGAN METICULOUS INSPECTION PREPARATION FOR THE LOGISTICS READINESS EVALUATION AND THE FIELD SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE ANALYSIS OFFICE INSPECTIONS. HIS DILIGENCE WAS NOTED WITH PASSING SCORES OF 95% IN BOTH CATEGORIES. ADDITIONALLY, HE TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO ORGANIZE, VERIFY, AND MAINTAIN THE RECORD BOOKS AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES FOR ALL ENGINEER GEAR WITHIN THE BATTALION CORRECTING A LONG STANDING DEFICIENCY. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER WALTER'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

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

**GUNNERY SERGEANT RENE GARZA
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR HIS HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS A COMPANY ADVISOR, EMBEDDED TRAINING TEAM 2-7, 201ST CORPS, AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. DURING THIS PERIOD, GUNNERY SERGEANT GARZA PROVIDED IMPARATIVE ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING FIGHTING POSITIONS AND FORTIFICATIONS WITH ENGINEER EQUIPMENT. HIS TASKS REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE TIME, EFFORT, AND INITIATIVE ASSISTING AND MENTORING THE WEAPONS COMPANY OFFICERS AND NCO'S PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL HARDENED POSITIONS AND EFFECTIVE FORTIFICATIONS. FURTHERMORE, HIS TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY WITH MAINTENANCE AIDED HIS TEAM IN MAINTAINING OPERATIONAL READINESS. GUNNERY SERGEANT GARZA DISPLAYED UNPARALLELED INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE AND COURAGE UNDER FIRE AND HELPED TO MENTOR AND SHAPE A COMPANY OF AFGHAN SOLDIERS INTO A SOLID AND PROFESSIONAL FIGHTING FORCE. HE PARTICIPATED IN OVER 100 COMBAT MISSIONS WHICH INCLUDED THREE NAMED MISSIONS AND AN AIR ASSAULT INTO ENEMY TERRITORY. HIS LEADERSHIP AND SOUND TACTICAL JUDGMENT WHILE IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY RESULTED IN DEFEAT OF MULTIPLE ATTACKS. ADDITIONALLY, HIS UNSWERVING DETERMINATION AND HARD WORK HAS BEEN INVALUABLE IN ASSISTING COMBAT ENGINEER COMPANY'S HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON. GUNNERY SERGEANT GARZA'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, STALWART LEADERSHIP, 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 THE

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

**CORPORAL ANTHONY QUEISSER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR 3D PLATOON, COMBAT ENGINEER COMPANY, COMBAT ASSAULT BATTALION, 3D MARINE DIVISION, III MEF, OKINAWA JAPAN, FROM APRIL 21, 2008 TO MAY 23, 2010. FROM MAY 12 2009 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2009, CORPORAL QUEISSER DEPLOYED WITH 2ND PLATOON SUPPORTING COMPANY G, 2ND BATTALION, 3RD MARINES DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM IN NOW ZAD, HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN. DURING THIS PERIOD, CORPORAL QUEISSER SUPPORTED COMPANY G ON 18 ROUTE CLEARANCE MISSIONS. HE OPERATED THE M9 ARMORED COMBAT EARTHMOVER FOR MORE THAN 130 HOURS PREPARING COMBAT ROADS FOR VEHICLES TO SAFELY MANEUVER THE TERRAIN, AND REDUCING THE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE THREAT. IN ADDITION TO ROUTE CLEARANCE, QUEISSER OPERATED THE TRACTOR RUBBER TIRE ARTICULATED STEER FOR MORE THAN 40 HOURS; FILLING HESCO BARRIERS SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF FORCE PROTECTION FOR FOBS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE STANDOFF FROM THE TALIBAN FIGHTERS. HAVING NO HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANICS FOR THREE MONTHS, CORPORAL QUEISSER HAD TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE ON THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT GEAR, SPENDING MORE THAN 160 HOURS KEEPING THE GEAR OPERATIONAL. HE DISPLAYED UNPARALLELED INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE AND COURAGE UNDER FIRE UNDOUBTINGLY SAVING THE LIVES OF MARINES IN HIS PLATOON AND ALLOWING THE FOLLOW ON FORCES TO CLOSE WITH AND DESTROY THE ENEMY. HIS LEADERSHIP AND SOUND TACTICAL JUDGMENT WHILE IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY RESULTED IN DEFEAT OF MULTIPLE ATTACKS. ADDITIONALLY, HIS UNSWERVING DETERMINATION AND HARD WORK HAS BEEN INVALUABLE IN ASSISTING COMBAT ENGINEER COMPANY'S HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON. CORPORAL QUEISSER'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, STALWART LEADERSHIP, 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 THE

ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**LANCE CORPORAL DANIEL STENEKEN
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS; ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, OPERATIONS PLATOON, DELTA COMPANY, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 3, II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE, FROM 1 APRIL 2009 – 31 MARCH 2010. LCPL STENEKEN PLAYED A PARAMOUNT ROLE IN ALL OF HIS PLATOON'S PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING EVOLUTIONS, INCLUDING EXERCISE STEEL KNIGHT, THE BATTALION ATV, AND 20 LIVE-FIRE RANGES ABOARD CAMP PENDLETON. LCPL STENEKEN'S MOTIVATION AND DEDICATION SET THE BAR FOR ALL OF THE COMPANY'S MARINES THROUGHOUT THE WORK-UP AND INTO THE DEPLOYMENT. UPON ARRIVAL IN THEATER LCPL STENEKEN WORKED TIRESLESSLY TO AID IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPERATING BASE BY PREPARING A TEMPORARY STAGING AREA FOR MISSION ESSENTIAL GEAR AND EQUIPMENT. HE ACTED AS THE GUNNER FOR SIX CONVOYS COVERING 420 KM IN OVER 100 HOURS OF MOVEMENT TO BRING GEAR TO THE NEW COMPANY POSITION. LCPL STENEKEN PARTICIPATED IN 42 COMBAT MISSIONS WITH 90 TACTICAL MOVEMENTS WHILE CONSTRUCTING 16 COMBAT POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. HE PROVED HIS VERSATILITY BY CONDUCTING MINE SWEEPING PATROLS OVER 40 KM OF IED LADEN LANES WITH THE COMPACT METAL DETECTOR. LCPL STENEKEN DISPLAYED UNCOMMON ENDURANCE BY LOGGING OVER 500 EQUIPMENT HOURS IN 3 SEPARATE PIECES OF MACHINERY DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF 16 POSITIONS AND 5 CULVERTS IN THE HELMAND PROVINCE. UNDERSTANDING THE STRAIN PLACED ON HIS EQUIPMENT, LCPL STENEKEN CONDUCTED THE 1ST ECHELON MAINTENANCE ON 67 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS ALONG WITH 230 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TASKS ENSURING HIS GEAR WAS OPERATIONALLY READY THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT. LCPL STENEKEN'S ENTHUSIASM, PROFESSIONALISM, AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE MARINE CORPS, AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 JEFFREY FOWLER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS UTILITIES OFFICER, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FORWARD, FROM 1 AUGUST 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010. AS THE UTILITIES PLATOON COMMANDER AND UTILITIES FIELD SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOWLER PROVIDED EFFECTIVE TRAINING, PLANNING, LEADERSHIP, AND MISSION SUPPORT IN PREPARATION FOR DEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. BALANCING AVAILABLE TIME AND RESOURCES, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOWLER ENSURED APPROPRIATE TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR HIS PLATOON AND PROVIDED CONSISTENT UTILITIES SUPPORT TO THE BATTALION TO FACILITATE DEPLOYMENT PREPARATION. UPON ARRIVAL IN HELMAND PROVINCE, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOWLER SUPPORTED CAMP LEATHERNECK REQUIREMENTS AND EXPANDED UTILITIES SERVICES TO FORWARD OPERATING BASES AND COMBAT OUTPOSTS THROUGHOUT THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. HIS EFFORTS INCLUDED WATER PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION, SHOWER AND LAUNDRY SERVICES, AND ELECTRICAL PLANNING AND INSTALLATION. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOWLER GUIDED THE INSTALLATION OF SEVEN SHOWERS, THREE LAUNDRY FACILITIES, AND FIVE TACTICAL WATER PURIFICATION LOCATIONS AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL EQUIPMENT SUPPORTING MORE THAN 16 COMMANDS ACROSS THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. HIS PLATOON PROVIDED 1,174,642 GALLONS OF WATER, LAUNDERED 57,869 POUNDS OF LAUNDRY, PROVIDED 25,000 SHOWERS, AND MAINTAINED 4,231 KILOWATTS OF POWER SUPPORT IN THE EXTREMELY DISTRIBUTED OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOWLER'S LEADERSHIP WAS CRITICAL IN EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF UTILITIES RESOURCES TO MARINES IN THE FIELD, OFTENTIMES IN EXTREME AND AUSTERE CONDITIONS. HIS EXPERIENCE, PROFESSIONALISM, UNMATCHED WORK ETHIC, AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

UTILITIES STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**STAFF SERGEANT JOSHUA HOFFMAN
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS UTILITIES CHIEF, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010. WHILE PREPARING TO SUPPORT REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 3, STAFF SERGEANT HOFFMAN SERVED AS THE ADVANCED PARTY UTILITIES CHIEF WHERE HE CONDUCTED THE INSPECTION, INVENTORY, AND REPAIR OF HUNDREDS OF PIECES OF UTILITIES EQUIPMENT. ADDITIONALLY, HE ASSISTED IN THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE 1ST CEB'S ENGINEER LOT AS WELL AS THE BATTALION'S COMMAND POST. WITH COMBAT OPERATIONS UNDERWAY, STAFF SERGEANT HOFFMAN WAS A KEY MEMBER OF THE ENGINEER COMPANY IN PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTING 14 FRIENDLY POSITIONS IN SUPPORT OF 2 INFANTRY AND 1 ARTILLERY BATTALION. IT WAS DURING THESE OPERATIONS THAT HE PROVED HIMSELF AS AN EFFECTIVE COMBAT LEADER BY SUCCESSFULLY LEADING HIS MARINES THROUGH AN AMBUSH, A COORDINATED ATTACK AND MULTIPLE IED ATTACKS. BETWEEN MISSIONS SUPPORTING THE FORWARD UNITS THROUGHOUT THE RCT, STAFF SERGEANT HOFFMAN CONDUCTED GROWTH ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING FOR THE RCT. HE WAS ALSO CALLED UPON TO CONDUCT EMERGENCY REPAIRS FOR THE RCT ENSURING SUFFICIENT AND RELIABLE POWER WAS AVAILABLE FOR ALL COMMAND FUNCTIONS. AFTER RETURNING FROM A SUCCESSFUL COMBAT TOUR STAFF SERGEANT HOFFMAN FOCUSED HIS ATTENTION ON HIS UTILITIES PLATOON AND ITS PREPARATION FOR THE LOGISTICS READINESS EVALUATION AND THE FIELD SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE ANALYSIS OFFICE INSPECTIONS. BOTH OF WHICH WERE PASSED DUE TO HIS LEADERSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE.. STAFF SERGEANT HOFFMAN'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

UTILITIES NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**SERGEANT CURT VANGORDEN
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE-AFGHANISTAN FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010. DURING THIS PERIOD, SERGEANT VANGORDEN CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF MILITARY AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. AS THE RESIDENT SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT AND QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR FOR THE ELECTRICAL SECTION, HE SUPERVISED THE INVENTORY OF OVER 200 END ITEMS, THE LIMITED TECHNICAL INSPECTION OF 76 MOBILE ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS, AND THE COMPLETION OF 48 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS AND SERVICES. THIS RESULTED IN HIS SECTION MAINTAINING AN EQUIPMENT READINESS LEVEL OF 96 PERCENT. WHILE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES AT FORWARD OPERATING BASE DELARAM, HE INSTALLED AIR CONDITIONERS IN 19 WORK SPACES, PERFORMED A TOTAL OF 57 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS AND SERVICES ON MOBILE ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL UNITS, AND REPAIRED 25 MOBILE ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS. IN ADDITION, HE TRAVELED TO OUTLYING COMBAT OUTPOSTS IN ORDER TO PERFORM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND CONDUCT REPAIRS ON 21 MOBILE ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS, ALLOWING INFANTRY UNITS THE ABILITY TO SUSTAIN COMBAT OPERATIONS. HIS ACTIONS IMPROVED THEIR EQUIPMENT READINESS FROM 65 PERCENT TO 88 PERCENT. SERGEANT VANGORDEN'S PROFESSIONALISM, KEEN ATTENTION TO DETAIL, AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

UTILITIES MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CORPORAL ROBERT BARNARD
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING AS ASSISTANT QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR AND SL-3 NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE, ENGINEER PLATOON, SERVICE COMPANY, 9TH COMMUNICATION BATTALION FORWARD, 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE HEADQUARTERS GROUP FORWARD, 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FORWARD, TASK FORCE LEATHERNECK, AFGHANISTAN FROM APRIL 2009 TO MARCH 2010 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 10-1. LANCE CORPORAL BARNARD HAS SUPERVISED THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND RETROGRADE OF FIVE COMPANY LEVEL COMMUNICATION EXERCISES, TWO BATTALION COMMUNICATION EXERCISES, ONE MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE TRAINING EXERCISE, AND ONE MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE READINESS EXERCISE IN PREPARATION FOR DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN. FOR EACH EXERCISE HE SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOYED MORE THAN 150 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL UNITS PROVIDING CLIMATE CONTROL CAPABILITIES TO VITAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THREE COMPANIES AND MULTIPLE LOCATIONS ABOARD CAMP PENDLETON, AND MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, MIRAMAR. UTILIZING INNOVATIVE TROUBLESHOOTING TECHNIQUES AND FORWARD THINKING, LANCE CORPORAL BARNARD INITIATED THE PLANNING AND FABRICATION OF TWO ALTERNATE AIR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS TO PROTECT MISSION CRITICAL COMMUNICATION ASSETS FROM OVERHEATING ALLOWING FOR CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE AREA OF OPERATION. LANCE CORPORAL BARNARD WORKED OUTSIDE OF HIS MOS LEADING SIX MARINES TO WIRE THREE MISSION CRITICAL SITES SUPPORTING THE COMMUNICATION ARCHITECTURE, ASSISTED IN THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF TWO MEP 806B GENERATOR ENGINES, AS WELL AS PROVIDING UTILITY SUPPORT TO OTHER UNITS ABOARD CAMP LEATHERNECK. WHILE FORWARD DEPLOYED, LANCE CORPORAL BARNARD ASSISTED IN ACCOUNTING FOR 150 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS VALUING MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION DOLLARS. HE ALSO TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INSTALLATION, TROUBLESHOOTING, MAINTENANCE, AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF 65 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL UNITS SUPPORTING 22 MISSION CRITICAL SITES ABOARD CAMP LEATHERNECK. LANCE CORPORAL BARNARD'S INITIATIVE, STRONG WORK ETHIC AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

BULK FUEL OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 BRADLEY KUSSATZ
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS FUELS OFFICER, FUELS BRANCH, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 371, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, U.S. MARINE FORCES PACIFIC FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010. DURING THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 KUSSATZ WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING ALL MARINE CORPS TACTICAL AVIATION REFUELING OPERATIONS IN THE MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 371 OPERATING AREA, AS WELL AS ALL AVIATION REFUELING SUPPORT TO OVER FIFTY MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 40 AND NUMEROUS COALITION AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN. HE COMPILED THE AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH MINIMAL, RESOURCES ON JOINT OPERATING BASE BASTION TO PROVIDE HOT REFUELING SUPPORT TO MARINE LIGHT ATTACK HELICOPTER SQUADRON 167. THE DIRECT RESULT OF HIS ACTIONS LED TO A SORTIE RATE INCREASE AS WELL AS A DECREASE IN CLOSE AIR SUPPORT RESPONSE TIME BY 30 MINUTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE - AFGHANISTAN GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT AND DECREASED THE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT RESPONSE TIME TO LESS THAN 10 MINUTES ON THE GROUND. HE PLANNED TWO SIMULTANEOUS FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINTS FOR THE LARGEST HELIBORNE INSERTION OF MARINES SINCE THE VIETNAM WAR AND WAS CHOSEN AS THE FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT OFFICER IN CHARGE AT JOINT OPERATING BASE BASTION WHICH HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THREE WAVES OF ELEVEN ARMY HELICOPTERS INCLUDING CH-47'S AND UH-60'S RESPONSIBLE FOR INSERTING OVER 400 MARINES FROM 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES INTO THE HELMAND RIVER VALLEY. THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 KUSSATZ SUCCESSFULLY OVERSAW THE ISSUING OF 2,596,961 GALLONS OF JP-8 TO 8,451 FIXED AND ROTARY WINGED AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS 8,656 GROUND VEHICLES. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 KUSSATZ'S TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, DEDICATION TO DUTY, AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXAMPLE, REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

BULK FUEL STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**STAFF SERGEANT CHARLIE HARRISON
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS BULK FUEL COMPANY OPERATIONS CHIEF, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010. DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 09.1 STAFF SERGEANT HARRISON FOCUSED HIS ENTIRE EFFORT ON PLANNING, COORDINATING, AND IMPLEMENTING EVERY GROUND BULK FUEL OPERATION WITHIN THE 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION AND COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT 2 AREA OF OPERATION. STAFF SERGEANT HARRISON EVALUATED THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF 2D MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE'S OPERATIONS AND TAILORED GROUND FUEL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO MEET MISSION REQUIREMENTS OF REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 3, TASK FORCE LIGHT ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE, AND TASK FORCE 2D BATTALION 3D MARINE REGIMENT. DURING THIS PERIOD, STAFF SERGEANT HARRISON MANAGED THE RECEIPT AND MOVEMENT OF 2,000 PIECES OF TACTICAL GROUND FUELING EQUIPMENT VALUED IN EXCESS OF SIX MILLION DOLLARS. HE DESIGNED AND OVERSAW THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF FUELING OPERATIONS FOR OPERATIONS KHANJAR, EASTERN RESOLVE II, OUBA II, FORREST DENIAL, COBRA'S ANGER, AND THE LAKARI AND SAFAAR RAIDS. IN TOTAL, STAFF SERGEANT HARRISON PLANNED THE CONSTRUCTION AND EXECUTION OF SIX FUEL FARMS THROUGHOUT AO SEA DRAGON THAT PROVIDED OVER 400,000 GALLONS OF JP-8 TO MARINES, COALITION PARTNERS, AND HOST NATION FORCES. STAFF SERGEANT HARRISON'S LEADERSHIP AND EXPERIENCE WERE CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING THE OPERATIONAL TEMPO OF THE BULK FUEL COMPANY IN AUSTERE AND VOLATILE CONDITIONS. HIS EXPERIENCE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND UNMATCHED WORK ETHIC AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

BULK FUEL NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CORPORAL BILLY MIRACLE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS FUEL FARM NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE AND TRAINING NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER FOR ENGINEER COMPANY, COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 4, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP (FORWARD), II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FORWARD) FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 14 SEPTEMBER 2009 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; AND AS THE TRAINING NCO FOR BULK FUEL COMPANY, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 3RD MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 15 SEPTEMBER 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, CORPORAL MIRACLE DEMONSTRATED A PHENOMENAL WORK ETHIC, SUPERIOR BULK FUEL EXPERTISE, AN ACUMEN FOR TRAINING, AND THE ABILITY TO TACKLE SNCO-LEVEL TASKS. HE PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THE 200,000 GALLON CAMP RAMADI FUEL FARM EXPANSION PROJECT. HE PROVIDED EXPERT FUEL SYSTEMS KNOWLEDGE AND PLANNING WHILE ACTING AS THE CONDUIT FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS, CAMP RAMADI OFFICIALS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS. DEMONSTRATING AN EYE FOR SAFETY, HE PROPOSED, SUPERVISED, AND INSTALLED TWO SEPARATE PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE STAGING POINTS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE FUEL PITS. AS THE COMPANY TRAINING NCO FOR BULK FUEL COMPANY, 9TH ESB, CORPORAL MIRACLE PLANNED AND TRACKED TRAINING EVENTS WHICH RESULTED IN OVER 120 MARINES AND SAILORS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING 100 PERCENT OF THE OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 10.1 PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. CORPORAL MIRACLE'S SUPERIOR TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS EPITOMIZED THE DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, AND LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE OF A MARINE WELL ABOVE HIS GRADE. HIS SUSTAINED SUPERIOR EFFORTS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, UNMATCHED WORK ETHIC AND 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 THE

BULK FUEL MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CORPORAL JOSHUA YOST
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WHILE SERVING AS SL-3 NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, FUELS SECTION, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 371, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, U. S. MARINE FORCES PACIFIC. FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010 LANCE CORPORAL YOST DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS AN EMERGING LEADER OF MARINES IN SUPPORT OF TACTICAL REFUELING OPERATIONS AT JOINT OPERATING BASE BASTION, AFGHANISTAN. HE KEPT ACCOUNTABILITY OF SIX TACTICAL AIRFIELD FUELING DISPENSING SYSTEMS, NINE GROUND EXPEDIENT REFUELING SYSTEMS, THREE SIX-CON FUEL SYSTEMS AND ONE HELICOPTER EXPEDIENT REFUELING SYSTEM ENCOMPASSING 230 MAJOR END ITEMS VALUED AT OVER 6.1 MILLION DOLLARS LOCATED AT THREE SEPARATE SITES OVER 100 MILES APART. SHOWING HIS DIVERSITY, HE WAS QUICK TO FILL THE BILLET OF LINE NCO. HIS DUTIES INCLUDED PREOPERATIONAL FUEL SYSTEM CHECKS AND MONITORING OVERALL SAFETY PROCEDURES WHILE AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE REFUELING PITS. HE ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS A KNOWLEDGEABLE, PROFICIENT MARINE SEEKING GREATER RESPONSIBILITY. HE DEMONSTRATES AN AUTHENTIC DRIVE FOR MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS ON ANY MISSION ASSIGNED. LANCE CORPORAL YOST'S TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, DEDICATION TO DUTY, AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXAMPLE, REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JEREMIAH HAMRIC
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

IN RECOGNITION FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS COMMANDER, EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMPANY, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP (FORWARD), II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FORWARD) FROM APRIL 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 2009 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. DISPLAYING KEEN TACTICAL VISION AND FORETHOUGHT, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HAMRIC DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO OPTIMIZE HIS COMPANY'S CAPABILITIES AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES IN ORDER TO ENSURE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE 144,000 SQUARE MILE ANBAR AREA OF OPERATIONS. THROUGH SAGE GUIDANCE AND ASTUTE LEADERSHIP, HE LED HIS MARINES IN CONDUCTING 447 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL RESPONSES, INCLUDING THE REDUCTION OF 38 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND 111 EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR. HE AND HIS COMPANY HAD AN INDELIBLE IMPACT ON THE SUCCESS AND SAFETY OF ALL OPERATING FORCES BY TRAINING OVER 5,220 PERSONNEL DURING 95 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE LANE TRAINING CLASSES COVERING THE DETECTION, IMMEDIATE ACTION AND RESPONSE FOR IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. WHILE SERVING AS PLATOON COMMANDER FROM OCTOBER 2009 TO MARCH 2010, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HAMRIC LEADERSHIP, MANAGERIAL SKILLS AND INNOVATIVE TRAINING REGIMEN ENSURED THAT THE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMPANY WAS ADMINISTRATIVELY, OPERATIONALLY AND COMBAT READY FOR FUTURE DEPLOYMENTS AROUND THE GLOBE. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HAMRIC'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PROFESSIONALISM, UNMATCHED WORK ETHIC, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

**SSGT WILLIAM CALLAHAN MEMORIAL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL
TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD TO**

**GUNNERY SERGEANT ERIC GONZALEZ
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

IN RECOGNITION FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS PLATOON SERGEANT, EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMPANY, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM APRIL 2009 TO MARCH 2010. DURING THIS PERIOD, GUNNERY SERGEANT GONZALEZ'S LEADERSHIP ACUMEN AND DEVOTION TO DUTY GUARANTEED THE SUCCESS OF BOTH THE FORWARD DEPLOYED AND FORCE GENERATION ELEMENTS OF THE COMPANY. GUNNERY SERGEANT GONZALEZ DESIGNED AND ORCHESTRATED A RIGOROUS PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING PACKAGE THAT BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY PREPARED HIS MARINES FOR COMBAT OPERATIONS. HIS SUPERB LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE WHILE PREPARING HIS PLATOON FOR DEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM ENABLED THEM TO OPERATE SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY IN ANY SCENARIO. GUNNERY SERGEANT GONZALEZ PERSONALLY LED HIS OWN TEAM ON 113 COMBAT MISSIONS, INCLUDING THE CLEARANCE OR REDUCTION OF 47 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF OVER 3,689 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES. WHILE FILLING THE BILLET OF A SECTION LEADER, A POSITION NORMALLY HELD BY AN OFFICER, GUNNERY SERGEANT GONZALEZ PROVIDED COMMANDERS WITH THE MOST ACCURATE AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND ENEMY TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES THAT ENABLED THEM TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS IN THE SAFEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL MANNER. GUNNERY SERGEANT GONZALEZ HAS PROVEN HIMSELF A CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL IN ALL ASPECTS OF HIS PROFESSION. HIS CONSTANT WILLINGNESS TO PLACE HIMSELF IN DANGER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OTHERS IS A DIRECT REFLECTION OF HIS SUPERB LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND COURAGEOUS DETERMINATION. GUNNERY SERGEANT GONZALEZ'S TOTAL EFFECTIVENESS, FORCEFUL LEADERSHIP, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY 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 THE

COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE YEAR TO

1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH COMBAT OPERATIONS INVOLVING CONFLICT WITH AN OPPOSING FORCE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE AFGHANISTAN DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 9.1 FROM MAY TO OCTOBER 2009. MARKING THE FIRST DEPLOYMENT OF A COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION SINCE 2003, FIRST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION SPEARHEADED AN EFFECTIVE IN-THEATER COUNTER-IED LANE TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDED NEARLY 10,000 MARINES WITH MISSION-ESSENTIAL SKILLS IN DISMOUNTED V-SWEEP TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES CRITICAL TO LOCATING IEDS. THIS ESSENTIAL TRAINING DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE MEB'S IED FIND TO STRIKE RATIO WHICH SOARED TO NEARLY 60% AND FAR EXCEEDED THE THEATER AVERAGE. THE BATTALION'S ROUTE CLEARANCE COMPANY EXECUTED 222 SAFE PASSAGE PATROLS BY CLEARING 11,205 KILOMETERS OF KEY LINES OF COMMUNICATION WHILE LOCATING AND NEUTRALIZING 181 IEDS AND SUSTAINING 40 IED STRIKES. ACHIEVING AN AVERAGE FIND TO STRIKE RATIO OF 83%, THE BATTALION'S ROUTE CLEARANCE PLATOONS SAVED COUNTLESS COALITION, AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCE, AND LOCAL NATIONAL LIVES BY MITIGATING THE ENEMY'S STRATEGIC GOAL OF CAUSING CASUALTIES. IN SUPPORT OF CRITICAL MOBILITY AND SURVIVABILITY REQUIREMENTS, THE MARINES OF FIRST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION CONSTRUCTED 6 PATROL BASES, 6 COMBAT OUTPOSTS, 3 BATTALION FORWARD OPERATING BASES, AND 25 VEHICLE CROSSING POINTS THEREBY ALLOWING THE MEB TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN HELMAND PROVINCE. THE MARINES AND SAILORS OF FIRST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION EPITOMIZE THE PHRASE "ENGINEERS UP" AND HAVE BEEN 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 THE

ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FROM 1 APRIL 2009 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2010, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION (ESB), COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT-25, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE CONDUCTED ENGINEER PLANNING AND MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF FULL SPECTRUM COMBAT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. 8TH ESB HAD OVERWHELMING SUCCESS IN COMBAT OPERATIONS WHILE DEPLOYED FROM APRIL TO NOVEMBER 2009 WITH COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT-2 (CLR-2), MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE-AFGHANISTAN (MEB-A). CONCURRENT TO THE BATTALION'S DEPLOYMENT WITH CLR-2, SEVERAL OF ITS SUBORDINATE COMPANIES ALSO DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 9.1 AND 9.2. COMPANY B DEPLOYED WITH COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION-8 (CLB-8), AND PROVIDED DIRECT ENGINEERING SUPPORT TO THE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM. BOTH UNITS PROVIDED ESSENTIAL TIMELY MOBILITY, FORCE PROTECTION AND QUALITY OF LIFE PROJECTS THAT ANTICIPATED MEB-A'S SCHEME OF MANEUVER DURING THE INITIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BRIGADE AREA OF OPERATIONS AND THE ONSET OF COMBAT OPERATIONS. COMPANY C EMPLACED 14 MEDIUM GIRDER BRIDGES THROUGHOUT THE HELMAND RIVER VALLEY. ADDITIONALLY, 8TH ESB PERSONNEL DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED SEVERAL EMERGENT CONCEPTS. THE BATTALION DESIGNED A MODULAR, SCALABLE FORCE PROTECTION AND QUALITY OF LIFE SUITE BASED ON THE, OIF "COP-IN-A-BOX." CONTINUING THE MODULAR CONCEPT, 8TH ESB DESIGNED AN AERIAL DELIVERY METHOD FOR A FORCE PROTECTION BILL OF MATERIALS, DUBBED "COP-IN-A-'CHUTE". THE BATTALION'S SUBMISSION OF AN URGENT UNIVERSAL NEEDS STATEMENT (UUNS) ULTIMATELY RESULTED IN ACQUISITION OF THE FOOT-MOBILE ASSAULT BRIDGE USED EXTENSIVELY IN THE ASSAULT ON MARJAH. BATTALION PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED COMBAT OPERATIONS: KHANJAR, EASTERN RESOLVE II, BENNEHAR, RIVER LIBERTY, DESERT WIND, MOSTHARAK AND KAPCHA KHAFK. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, THE MARINES AND SAILORS OF 8TH ESB DISPLAYED UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY WHICH REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON THE BATTALION AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

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

MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGINEERING OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 12 SEPTEMBER, AND MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 40, MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE – AFGHANISTAN FROM 13 SEPTEMBER TO 25 MARCH, 2010, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 09.2. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE MARINES OF ENGINEER COMPANY SUPPORTED MAJOR TRAINING EVOLUTIONS FOR WEAPONS AND TACTICS INSTRUCTIONS COURSE 2-09 AND ENHANCED MOJAVE VIPER 14/15-09, WHERE THEY BUILT ELEVEN HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES AND ASSAULT STRIPS, PROVIDED AIR BASE GROUND DEFENSE, PRODUCED 133,000 GALLONS OF POTABLE WATER, AND BUILT AND MAINTAINED SEVEN POWER GRIDS. WHILE DEPLOYED TO HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN IN SUPPORT OF OEF 09.2, THE COMPANY PROVIDED ENGINEER SUPPORT AT FOUR MAJOR BASES AND SEVERAL OUTLYING FOBS, BUILT AND SERVICED 6 HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES, BUILT AND MAINTAINED 18 POWER GRIDS, RESPONDED TO MORE THAN 1,500 TROUBLE CALLS, COMPLETED 149 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, AND BUILT SIX 150,000 SQUARE FOOT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SHELTER SITES. AT FOB DWYER, THE COMPANY BUILT A 6100 FOOT LONG MULTI-PURPOSE RUNWAY WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING EXPANSES AND A 300-GALLON TACTICAL FUEL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. TO COMPLETE THE 1.8 MILLION SQUARE FOOT AIRFIELD, THE COMPANY PROCESSED MORE THAN 200,000 CUBIC YARDS OF SOIL, SPRAYED MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER, EMPLOYED 1.4 MILLION POUNDS OF CEMENT AND OPERATED MORE THAN 12,000 INCIDENT-FREE EQUIPMENT HOURS. THE PHENOMENAL PRODUCTIVITY AND FAR REACHING IMPACT OF THE MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372 ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY, IN ISOLATED AND AUSTERE ENVIRONMENTS, REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON ITSELF, THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

OUTSTANDING NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE UNIT OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FIVE

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE FOR PROVIDING SUPERLATIVE CONTINGENCY ENGINEER SUPPORT TO 2ND MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE (II MEB) FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 25 AUGUST 2009. THIS PERIOD BEGAN WITH THE BATTALION DEPLOYING ON SHORT NOTICE IN SUPPORT OF THE II MEB TO THE HELMAND PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. NMCB FIVE'S SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IN VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION, HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION, COUNTER-MOBILITY, AND FORCE PROTECTION MISSIONS INCLUDED CONSTRUCTION OF BERMS, HESCO BARRIERS, AIRFIELDS EXPANSION, AMMUNITION STORAGE UNITS, COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES, AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT AFGHANISTAN, WHILE PROVIDING OVERSIGHT TO SEVERAL VITAL FACILITY AND SUPPORT CONTRACTS. THE PERIOD ENDED WITH THE COMPLETION OF INITIAL OPERATING CAPABILITIES AT TWO FORWARD OPERATING BASES IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN, AND THE PREPARATIONS FOR FOLLOW ON UNITS TO PROVIDE EXPANDED FACILITIES FOR THE EVENTUAL SURGE OF FORCES INTO THE COUNTRY. BY THEIR NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENT, IMPECCABLE PROFESSIONALISM AND COMPLETE DEDICATION TO DUTY, THE MEMBERS OF U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FIVE OVERCAME TREMENDOUS DANGER AND ADVERSITY TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT TO MARINE UNITS. THEIR HALLMARK ACHIEVEMENTS REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

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

BAE SYSTEMS

REPRESENTATIVE: DAVE TEBO, PROGRAM MGR, COMBAT ENGINEER SYSTEMS
SPONSOR OF CBT ENGR BN TROPHY

CATERPILLAR INC. DEFENSE & FEDERAL PRODUCTS

ACCOUNT MANAGER: JOHN FRAME
SPONSOR OF ENGR SPT BN TROPHY

CONCURRENT TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

REPRESENTATIVE: ROD PADGETT, SENIOR DIRECTOR
SPONSOR OF UTILITIES INDIVIDUAL AWARD CATEGORY

FMW COMPOSITE SYSTEMS

SPONSOR OF BULK FUEL INDIVIDUAL AWARD CATEGORY

FORCE PROTECTION INDUSTRIES

REPRESENTATIVE: TOMMY PRUITT, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
SPONSOR OF COMBAT ENGR AND EOD INDIVIDUAL AWARD CATEGORIES

HNTB FEDERAL

REPRESENTATIVE: DAVE MCMILLER
SPONSOR OF AWARDS PROGRAM

KALMAR RT CENTER

REPRESENTATIVE: DAVE PEACOCK, EXEC VP, MILITARY PRODUCTS AND SUPPLY
SPONSOR OF ENGINEER EQUIPMENT INDIVIDUAL AWARD CATEGORY

LINDBERGH & ASSOCIATES

REPRESENTATIVE: TONY PRICE
SPONSOR OF AWARDS PROGRAM

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

REPRESENTATIVE: MS. LEEANN MITCHELL
SPONSOR OF AWARDS PROGRAM

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS

REPRESENTATIVE: DR. BOB WOLFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SPONSOR OF AWARDEE BANQUET COSTS

TEREX CORPORATION

REPRESENTATIVE: TOM MANLEY, VICE PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS
SPONSOR OF NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE UNIT AWARD

ALLIED CONTAINER SYSTEMS

REPRESENTATIVE: JAMES ODOM, PRESIDENT

INGENIEUR EXECUTIVE SEARCH

REPRESENTATIVE: MS. SAMANTHA SFERAS

PEARSON ENGINEERING

REPRESENTATIVE: JOHN CROMPTON

SCIENCE APPLICATIONS INTERNATION CORPORATION
REPRESENTATIVE: SHANE EVANS, DIV MGR, EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE & LOGISTICS

SEA BOX INCORPORATED
REPRESENTATIVE: JIM BRENNAN, JR, PRESIDENT

TACTICAL & SURVIVAL SPECIALTIES INC
REPRESENTATIVE: BILL STRANG, PRESIDENT/CEO

DEWEY ELECTRONICS-CONTRIBUTOR

*MCEA WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO CHECKERBOARD INDUSTRIES AND
ESPECIALLY MS. ROBIN BEARDEN FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION OF A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE
GOLF SHIRTS BEING PRESENTED TO THE AWARD WINNERS.*

The Rusty Marine

**The rusty Marine, born gallant and brave,
To his country, his allegiance was raised.
He served in war to honor and protect,
While in battle, he did not defect.**

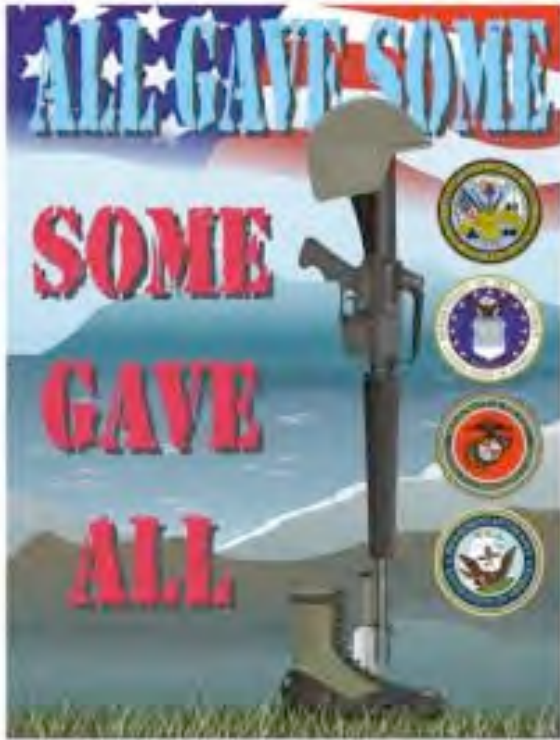
**Through foxholes, trenches, gunfire and hell,
His honor and pride never fell.
For in his heart, his faith was strong,
And yet for home, he did long.**

**Our great land protects the free,
For this he fought; for you and me.**

**Now he sits, tired, and worn,
For his youth, he does mourn.
Because it ran so quickly by,
He often thinks, "How time did fly,"**

**Then he dons his old dress blues,
And in his spirit, a change of hues.
He straightens up and stands with pride,
His great honor, he cannot hide.
Gently then, he begins to weep,
The memories come, pile upon heap.
A single tear falls from his eye,
As he whispers, "Semper Fi".**

Submitted by 1stSgt Bob Canright, USMC (Ret)



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