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MARINE CORPS ORDER 1650.29G

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Distribution List

Subj: AVIATION AWARDS

Encl: (1) Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA) Awards  
(2) Association of Naval Aviation (ANA) Awards  
(3) American Helicopter Society (AHS) Awards  
(4) Other Aviation Awards  
(5) Statistical Summary

1. Purpose. To provide a list of aviation awards, eligibility criteria and submission procedures for award nominations.

2. Cancellation. MCO 1650.29F.

3. Summary of Revisions. Addition of an aviation related award, change of sponsorship, and change in eligibility criteria for several existing aviation awards has necessitated a revision to the current order.

4. Information. Enclosures (1) through (4) provide pertinent information on aviation awards sponsored by military and civilian agencies, including a brief history, eligibility criteria, nomination dates and selection procedures for each award. Nominations shall be submitted in accordance with the guidance defined in this Order.

5. Action

a. Organizations with personnel or units that meet the criteria contained in enclosures (1) through (4) are encouraged to submit nominations.

b. Nominations, plus one copy, shall be submitted via the endorsing chain of command to Commandant of the Marine Corps ((CMC)(Code ASM)).

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c. Nominations must be received by CMC (ASM) on or before the due date detailed in the relevant enclosures. Modifications to due dates, if required, will be indicated in the annual CMC message which solicits award nominations. Due to the volume of awards received by this Headquarters, late or incomplete nominations will not normally be considered.

d. Individual award nomination packages shall include:

(1) a concise, comprehensive description of action(s) not to exceed two pages;

(2) a biography of the individual;

(3) a proposed citation;

(4) two 8" x 10" current color portrait photographs of the nominee in the Service "A" uniform and two 8" x 10" color or black and white photographs of the nominee in his/her working environment; and

(5) a CD or 3.5 inch disk (electronic) copy of each package.

e. Unit award nomination packages shall contain:

(1) a concise description of action(s) not to exceed three pages;

(2) a unit history;

(3) a proposed citation;

(4) current photographs (including at least five 8" x 10" color photographs appropriate to the unit's mission);

(5) supporting documentation which shall include a completed copy of the appropriate Statistical Summary contained in enclosure (5); and

(6) a CD or 3.5 inch disk (electronic) copy of each package.

f. Nominations for acts of valor or notable achievements should be submitted to the appropriate major command as soon as possible after the event. The major command shall review the eligibility of the award nominations from the subordinate units.

g. Each major command may submit only one nomination for each award and must include a point of contact for each award submission.

## 6. Responsibilities

a. CMC. CMC (ASM) is responsible for coordinating Marine Corps participation in all aviation award selections and those ceremonies conducted by the Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA). CMC (ASM) will publish the annual Marine Administrative Message (MARADMIN) for MCAA awards.

b. Director of Air Warfare. The Navy's Director of Air Warfare is responsible for the drafting the annual message and coordinating aviation award selections for the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA) awards.

c. American Helicopter Society (AHS). Nominations are solicited via AHS membership or corporate sponsors. Additional information can be obtained via the AHS website, [www.vtol.org](http://www.vtol.org).

### d. Local Commanders

(1) Local commanders shall provide Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) orders and travel/per diem funding for aviation individual award recipients incidental to participation in award ceremonies. Every effort shall be made to ensure the presence of the award recipient(s) at those ceremonies.

(2) Local commanders shall provide TAD orders and travel/per diem funding for the commanding officer (or his/her designated representative) of an award winning unit.

(3) Local commanders shall provide TAD orders and travel/per diem funding for individuals (other than CMC representatives) who attend presentations in an official capacity; (e.g., speakers, panel members, etc.).

(4) Individuals, other than those described in paragraphs 6b1 through 3 above, who desire to attend award ceremonies, must do so at their own expense.

(5) Local commanders are encouraged to recognize individual and unit recipients at appropriate local ceremonies.

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MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION (MCAA) AWARDS

CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/OFFICER

NAME: ALFRED A. CUNNINGHAM AWARD  
-MARINE AVIATOR OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: First Marine Aviation Force Veterans  
Association (FMAFVA) and MCAA.

HISTORY: Established in memory of Alfred A.  
Cunningham, "The Father of Marine  
Aviation". Awarded to recognize  
the superior performance of the  
Marine Aviator of the Year.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine Aviators, Regular or  
Reserve. Also includes Training  
Command Instructors and designated  
Naval Aviators assigned to  
the Acquisition field.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to  
Marine Aviation in combat, research  
and development, weapons employment  
or overall performance in Marine  
Aviation. The award covers the  
period from 1 May through 30 April  
immediately preceding the nomination  
period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/OFFICER

NAME: ROBERT GUY ROBINSON AWARD  
-MARINE NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER OF THE  
YEAR

AWARD SPONSOR: Northrop Grumman Air Combat Systems

HISTORY: Established in memory of First  
Lieutenant Robert Guy Robinson, WWI  
Medal of Honor recipient and pioneer  
in the Naval Flight Officer Field.  
Awarded to recognize the superior  
performance of the Marine Naval  
Flight Officer of the Year.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine Naval Flight Officers,  
Regular or Reserve. Also includes  
Training Command Instructors and  
designated Naval Flight Officers  
assigned to the Acquisition field.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to  
Marine Aviation in combat, research  
and development, weapons employment  
or overall performance in Marine  
Aviation. The award covers the  
period from 1 May through 30 April  
immediately preceding the nomination  
period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards  
Board and presented at the annual  
MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/OFFICER

NAME: EARLE HATTAWAY AWARD  
-MARINE AVIATION GROUND OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Rolls Royce North American, Inc.

HISTORY: Established in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Hattaway whose exceptional professionalism and technical skill as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer earned him the recognition as the first Marine Aviation Ground Officer of the Year. Awarded to recognize the superior performance of the Marine Aviation Ground of the Year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any officer serving in Marine Aviation, Regular or Reserve to include support staff (01XX/02XX/04XX/06XX/68XX/58XX/70XX) as well as Naval Medical Officers assigned to Aviation units in the FMF. Officers possessing MOS's 75XX/59XX/72XX/25XX/28XX are excluded.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to Marine Aviation in combat, research and development, weapons employment or overall performance in Marine Aviation. The award covers the period from 1 May through 30 April immediately preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards Board and presented at the annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/OFFICER

NAME: ROBERT F. GIBSON AWARD  
-MARINE AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems

HISTORY: Established in honor of Colonel  
Robert F. Gibson who, during his 30  
plus year career, was responsible  
for the development of a combat  
readiness evaluation of the Marine  
Command and Control System. Awarded  
to recognize the superior  
performance of the Marine Aviation  
Command and Control Officer of the  
year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any officer serving in Marine  
Aviation Command and Control billet,  
Regular or Reserve possessing MOS's  
25XX/28XX/59XX/72XX.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to  
Marine Aviation by an officer  
serving in a MACCS billet possessing  
the MOS's 25XX/28XX/59XX/72XX. The  
award covers the period from 1 May  
through 30 April immediately  
preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/OFFICER

NAME: SILVER HAWK AWARD

SPONSOR: The Boeing Company

HISTORY: Established in honor of and to recognize the active duty Marine Aviator or Naval Flight Officer who holds the earliest Naval Aviation designation date.

ELIGIBILITY: The active duty Marine Aviator or Marine Naval Flight Officer with the most senior date of designation.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The award is reserved for the officer whose date of designation precedes that of any other Marine Aviator or Marine Naval Flight Officer (NFO).

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: The determination is made by CMC based on the earliest date of designation as an Aviator or NFO and presented at the annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Nomination is not required. CMC will maintain the precedence list of prospective Silver Hawks.

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CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/ENLISTED

NAME: DANNY L. RADISH AWARD  
-MARINE ENLISTED AIRCREW OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: BAE Systems, Avionics Group

HISTORY: Established in honor of Master Gunnery Sergeant Radish who served with honor, distinction and heroism in Marine Aviation for over 20 years. Awarded to recognize the superior performance of the Marine Enlisted Aircrew member of the year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any enlisted aircrew member from either fixed wing or rotary wing communities, including unmanned aerial vehicle operators, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to Marine Aviation by an enlisted aircrew member. The award covers the period from 1 May through 30 April immediately preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards Board and presented at the annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/ENLISTED

NAME: WILLIE D. SPROULE AWARD  
-AVIATION MAINTENANCE MARINE OF THE  
YEAR

SPONSOR: Kollsman, Inc.

HISTORY: Established in honor of Master  
Gunnery Sergeant Sproule who served  
with honor and distinction in Marine  
Aviation for over 30 years. Awarded  
to recognize the superior  
performance of the Aviation  
Maintenance Marine of the year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any enlisted Marine possessing the  
MOS 60XX, 61XX or 62XX, Regular or  
Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to  
Marine Aviation by an enlisted  
Marine serving in a maintenance  
billet, MOS 60XX, 61XX, or 62XX.  
The award covers the period from 1  
May through 30 April immediately  
preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/ENLISTED

NAME: KENNETH W. SOUTHCOMB AWARD  
-AVIATION SUPPLY MARINE AIRCREW OF  
THE YEAR

SPONSOR: AAR Mobility Systems

HISTORY: Established in honor of Master  
Gunnery Sergeant Southcomb who  
served with honor and distinction in  
Marine Aviation for over 30 years,  
and in that time held every position  
in aviation supply from warehouseman  
to noncommissioned officer in  
charge. Awarded to recognize the  
superior performance of the Aviation  
Supply Marine of the year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any enlisted Marine possessing the  
MOS 66XX, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to  
Marine aviation by an enlisted  
Marine possessing the MOS 66XX,  
serving in an aviation supply  
billet. The award covers the period  
from 1 May through 30 April  
immediately preceding the nomination  
period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/ENLISTED

NAME: PAUL G. VESS AWARD  
-AVIONICS MARINE OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: BAE Systems, Information and EWS

HISTORY: Established in honor of Master Gunnery Sergeant Vess who served with honor and distinction in Marine Aviation for over 30 years, and whose efforts led to improved reliability of aircraft avionics systems. Awarded to recognize the superior performance of the Avionics Marine of the year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any enlisted Marine possessing the MOS 63XX or 64XX, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to Marine aviation by an Avionics Technician, possessing the MOS 63XX or 64XX. The award covers the period from 1 May through 30 April immediately preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards Board and presented at the annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

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CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/ENLISTED

NAME: GAINES B. GILBERT AWARD  
-AVIATION ORDNANCE MARINE OF THE  
YEAR

SPONSOR: Raytheon

HISTORY: Established in honor of Master  
Gunnery Sergeant Gilbert who served  
with honor, distinction and heroism  
in Marine Aviation for 39 years.  
Awarded to recognize the superior  
performance of the Aviation Ordnance  
Marine of the year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any enlisted Marine possessing the  
MOS 65XX, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to  
Marine aviation by an enlisted  
Ordnanceman, possessing the MOS  
65XX. The award covers the period  
from 1 May through 30 April  
immediately preceding the nomination  
period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/ENLISTED

NAME: KENNETH A. INNIS AWARD  
-AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL MARINE  
OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Lockheed Martin, Tactical Defense  
Systems

HISTORY: Established in honor of Master  
Gunnery Sergeant Innis who served  
with honor and distinction in Marine  
Aviation as Sergeant Major of Marine  
Air Support Squadron-1. Awarded to  
recognize the superior performance  
of the Aviation Command and Control  
Marine of the year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any enlisted Marine possessing the  
MOS 25XX/28XX/59XX/72XX, serving in  
a Marine Aviation Command and  
Control billet, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to  
Marine aviation by enlisted Marine  
possessing the MOS 25XX/28XX/59XX/  
72XX serving in a MACCS billet. The  
award covers the period from 1 May  
through 30 April immediately  
preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
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CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/ENLISTED

NAME: JACK W. DEMMOND AWARD  
-AVIATION GROUND MARINE OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Sensis Corporation

HISTORY: Established in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Demmond who served with honor and distinction in Marine Aviation from 1942 until his retirement in 1972. Awarded to recognize the superior performance of the Aviation Ground Marine of the year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any enlisted Marine serving in Marine Aviation, to include staff support (01XX/02XX/04XX/58XX/68XX/70XX) as well as enlisted members of the Naval Medical Corps assigned to Aviation Units in the FMF, Regular or Reserve. (MOS's 59XX/60XX/61XX/62XX/63XX/64XX/65XX/ 66XX/72XX/25XX/28XX are excluded.)

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to Marine aviation by an enlisted Marine. The award covers the period from 1 May through 30 April immediately preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards Board and presented at the annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/ENLISTED

NAME: JAMES E. NICHOLSON AWARD  
-NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER LEADERSHIP  
AWARD

SPONSOR: Raytheon

HISTORY: Established in honor of James  
Nicholson, who was a member of the  
First Aeronautic Company; the first  
American aviation unit completely  
trained and fully equipped to be  
sent overseas in World War I. He is  
also known as the "Father of the  
Marine Corps Aviation Association."  
Awarded to recognize the superior  
performance of the Noncommissioned  
(SNCO) or Staff Noncommissioned  
Officer (SNCO) of the year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any NCO or SNCO serving in Marine  
Aviation, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most significant example of  
leadership demonstrated by a NCO or  
SNCO Marine over an extended period  
such as a deployment. The award  
covers the period from 1 May through  
30 April immediately preceding the  
nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

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CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT

NAME: JAMES MAGUIRE AWARD  
-EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

SPONSOR: BAE Systems, Reconnaissance and  
Surveillance Systems

HISTORY: Established in memory of Gunnery  
Sergeant Maguire, the first enlisted  
Marine ordered to the Annapolis  
Aviation Camp on aviation duty.  
Awarded to recognize the superior  
performance of the recipient of the  
Exceptional Achievement Award.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Marine or unit of Marine  
Aviation, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most significant contribution  
to, or professional achievement in  
Marine aviation not otherwise  
recognized by an MCAA award. The  
award covers the period from 1 May  
through 30 April immediately  
preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: ROBERT M. HANSON AWARD  
-MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON OF  
THE YEAR

SPONSOR: The Boeing Company

HISTORY: Established in memory of Captain  
Hanson, Marine Aviator, fighter ace,  
and Medal of Honor winner, killed in  
World War II after shooting down 25  
enemy aircraft. Awarded to  
recognize the superior performance  
of a Marine fighter/attack squadron.

ELIGIBILITY: All F/A-18A/C/D squadrons, Regular  
or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding Marine fighter/  
attack squadron. The award covers  
the period from 1 May through 30  
April immediately preceding the  
nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
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CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: LAWSON H. M. SANDERSON AWARD  
-MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: BAE Systems

HISTORY: Established in honor of Major General Sanderson who served Marine aviation with honor and distinction from 1917 to 1951. Awarded to recognize the superior performance of a Marine attack squadron.

ELIGIBILITY: All AV-8B squadrons, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding Marine attack squadron. The award covers the period from 1 May through 30 April immediately preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards Board and presented at the annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: ROYAL N. MOORE AWARD  
-MARINE TACTICAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE  
SQUADRON OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Northrop Grumman Airborne Early  
Warning & Electronic Warfare Systems

HISTORY: Established in memory of Major  
General Moore who served Marine  
aviation for 39 years, and is known  
for his actions that directly  
advanced the electronic warfare  
capabilities. Awarded to recognize  
the most outstanding Marine  
electronic warfare squadron.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine EA-6B squadrons, Regular  
or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding Marine Tactical  
Electronic Warfare Squadron. The  
award covers the period from 1 May  
through 30 April immediately  
preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

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CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: HENRY WILDFANG AWARD  
-MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT  
SQUADRON OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company

HISTORY: Established in honor of Major  
Wildfang, whose contributions as a  
pilot in the Marine Transport  
community spanned nearly four  
decades. Awarded to recognize the  
superior performance of a Marine  
Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine KC-130 squadrons, Regular  
or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding Marine Aerial  
Refueler Transport Squadron. The  
award covers the period from 1 May  
through 30 April immediately  
preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: KEITH B. MCCUTCHEON AWARD  
-MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON OF  
THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Sikorsky Aircraft, United  
Technologies Corporation

HISTORY: Established in memory of General  
McCutcheon, who has consistently  
been in the forefront of helicopter  
development in the Marine Corps.  
Awarded to recognize the superior  
performance of a Marine Heavy  
Helicopter Squadron.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine CH-53E squadrons, Regular  
or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding Marine heavy  
helicopter attack squadron. The  
award covers the period from 1 May  
through 30 April immediately  
preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

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CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: EDWARD C. DYER AWARD  
-MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER/TILTROTOR  
SQUADRON OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: The Boeing Company

HISTORY: Established in memory of Brigadier  
General Dyer who was the first  
commanding officer of HMX-1.  
Awarded to recognize the superior  
performance of a Marine Medium  
Helicopter/Tiltrotor Squadron.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine CH-46, CH/RH-53D and MV-  
22 Squadrons, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding Marine Medium  
Helicopter/Tiltrotor squadron. The  
award covers the period from 1 May  
through 30 April immediately  
preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: JOHN P. GIGUERE AWARD  
-MARINE LIGHT ATTACK HELICOPTER  
SQUADRON OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Bell Helicopter Textron

HISTORY: Established in honor of Captain Giguere who together with his co-pilot was instrumental in the rescue of a fellow pilot who crashed on the battlefield in Grenada. Awarded to recognize the superior performance of a Marine Light Attack Helicopter squadron.

ELIGIBILITY: All HMLA Squadrons, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron. The award covers the period from 1 May through 30 April immediately preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards Board and presented at the annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

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CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: DONALD E. DAVIS AWARD  
-MARINE AVIATION LOGISTICS SQUADRON  
OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: CAE

HISTORY: Established in honor of Colonel  
Davis who designed the Marine  
Aviation Logistics Support Program.  
Awarded to recognize the superior  
performance of a Marine Aviation  
Logistics Squadron.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine Aviation Logistics  
Squadrons, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding Marine Aviation  
Logistics Squadron. The award  
covers the period from 1 May through  
30 April immediately preceding the  
nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

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CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: JAMES E. HATCH AWARD  
-MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON OF THE  
YEAR

SPONSOR: Honeywell, Inc.

HISTORY: Established in honor of Colonel  
Hatch, who designed the present day  
Marine Wing Support Group and Marine  
Wing Support Squadron. Awarded to  
recognize the superior performance  
of a Marine Wing Support Squadron.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine Wing Support Squadrons,  
Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding Marine Wing  
Support Squadron. The award covers  
the period from 1 May through 30  
April immediately preceding the  
nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

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CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: EDWARD S. FRIS AWARD  
-MARINE AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL  
UNIT OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Raytheon

HISTORY: Established in honor of Major  
General Fris who was a pioneer in  
aviation command and control and  
actively fostered its development.  
Awarded to recognize the superior  
performance of a Marine Aviation  
Command and Control Unit.

ELIGIBILITY: Any unit within the Marine Air  
Command and Control System, squadron  
or battalion, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding contribution to  
Marine aviation by a unit within the  
MACCS. The award covers the period  
from 1 May through 30 April  
immediately preceding the nomination  
period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation  
Awards Board and presented at the  
annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: COMMANDANT'S AVIATION TROPHY

SPONSOR: Commandant of the Marine Corps

HISTORY: Established to recognize the outstanding performance and accomplishments of a Marine aviation squadron or battalion.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Marine Aviation unit, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding performance and accomplishment of all assigned tasks. The award covers the period from 1 May through 30 April immediately preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards Board and presented at the annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: MCAA/UNIT

NAME: PETE ROSS SAFETY AWARD

SPONSOR: General Electric Aircraft Engines

HISTORY: Established in memory of First Lieutenant Ross who flew Corsairs in the South Pacific from 1944-1945 and received two Distinguished Flying Crosses. Awarded to recognize the superior performance of a Marine squadron compiling the best safety record over the past year.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Marine Aviation Unit, Regular or Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The Marine Aviation unit compiling the best safety record over the past year. The award covers the period from 1 May through 30 April immediately preceding the nomination period.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards Board and presented at the annual MCAA Reunion and Symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 May to CMC (ASM).

ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL AVIATION (ANA) AWARDS

CATEGORY: ANA/INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT

NAME: OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR  
HELICOPTER AVIATION

SPONSOR: Association of Naval Aviation

HISTORY: Established to recognize superior  
performance or achievement related to  
flight operations of helicopters

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a Naval Aviator, aircrew  
member, or other individual, Regular  
or Reserve. While individual award  
is preferred, group action or  
achievement may be recognized in  
appropriate circumstances.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The individual or unit must either:  
Be assigned to duty in a helicopter  
squadron or staff, or as a member of  
the ship's company of a unit with  
embarked helicopters, or be working  
on a civilian or military program  
supporting helicopter operations.  
The individual or unit must be  
responsible for an outstanding combat  
or operational action or technical  
achievement. The award period covers  
the calendar year immediately  
preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by a board  
consisting of Marine, Navy, and Coast  
Guard representatives and presented  
at the annual ANA convention.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 January to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: ANA/INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT

NAME: OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR  
FORCE SUPPORT AND SPECIAL MISSION  
AVIATION

SPONSOR: Association of Naval Aviation

HISTORY: Established to recognize an  
individual or unit whose specific  
action or achievement relates to  
flight operations of fleet support/  
special mission aircraft.

ELIGIBILITY: All Naval Aviators, Naval Flight  
Officers or Aircrew members who are  
assigned to a force support or  
special mission squadron staff.  
While individual award is preferred,  
group action may be recognized by  
presentation of the award to the  
entire unit.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The actions of the individual or  
unit must clearly and dramatically  
demonstrate Naval Aviation ideals of  
courage, resourcefulness,  
perseverance, and concern for the  
well being and freedom of the United  
States. The award period covers the  
calendar year immediately preceding  
the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by a board  
consisting of Marine, Navy, and  
Coast Guard representatives and  
presented at the annual ANA  
convention.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 January to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: ANA/INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT

NAME: OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR TACTICAL AVIATION

AWARD SPONSOR: Association of Naval Aviation

HISTORY: Established to recognize an individual or unit whose specific action or achievement is related to flight operations of the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps tactical fixed wing aircraft that most clearly and dramatically demonstrates the Naval Aviation ideals of courage, resourcefulness, perseverance and concern for the well being of the United States of America.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a Naval Aviator, Naval Flight Officer, aircrew member, or other individual, Regular or Reserve. While individual award is preferred, group action or achievement may be recognized in appropriate circumstances.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The individual or unit must either: Be assigned to aircraft carrier duty as a member of a fixed wing squadron, staff or ship's company: or, be working on a civilian or military program supporting fixed wing operations. The individual or unit must be responsible for an outstanding combat or operational action or technical achievement during the 12-month period while serving in one of the two capacities above. Heroism should be given strong consideration, but in any event the achievement should contribute significantly to the effectiveness of carrier aviation capability or safety.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by a board consisting of Marine, Navy, and Coast Guard representatives and presented at the annual ANA convention.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 January to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: ANA/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: ENLISTED AVIATION MAINTENANCE AWARD

SPONSOR: Association of Naval Aviation

HISTORY: Established to recognize superior performance of duty over at least a one-year period.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be an E-1 through E-6 from the Group IX ratings of the Navy or aviation MOSs of the Marine Corps and equivalent ratings for the Coast Guard.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The individual should have a record of sustained performance and distinguished himself by one of the following: developed an idea or procedure which enhanced a task, procedure or requirement in aviation maintenance; initiated a design which led to the improved operation of IMRL or GSE gear relative to the aviation maintenance field; or creating or recommended creation of a better method of getting a job done by reorganization of personnel, redesign of working spaces or an innovation of any kind that saved time in task completion or achieved efficiencies compared to the previous manner in which a function was accomplished without sacrificing safety; or by sheer dedication to duty, professionalism and innovative skill, contributed directly to measurable improvement in the execution of the Naval Aviation mission, enhancing safety and readiness. The award period covers the calendar preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by a board consisting of Marine, Navy, and Coast Guard representatives and presented at the annual ANA convention.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 January to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: ANA/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: AVIATION CHIEF PETTY OFFICER AWARD

SPONSOR: Association of Naval Aviation

HISTORY: Established to recognize superior performance of duty over at least a one-year period.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be an E-7 through E-9 who has worked predominately in a Naval Aviation related field.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The individual should have a record of sustained performance and distinguished himself by one of the following: developed an idea or procedure which enhanced a task, procedure or requirement in the aviation maintenance field; initiated a design which led to the improved operation of IMRL or GSE gear relative to the aviation maintenance field; or creating or recommended creation of a better method of getting a job done by reorganization of personnel, redesign of working spaces or an innovation of any kind that saved time in task completion or achieved efficiencies compared to the previous manner in which a function was accomplished without sacrificing safety; or by sheer dedication to duty, professionalism and innovative skill, contributed directly to measurable improvement in the execution of the Naval Aviation mission, enhancing safety and readiness. The award period covers the calendar preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by a board consisting of Marine, Navy, and Coast Guard representatives and presented at the annual ANA convention.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 January to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: ANA/INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT

NAME: NAVIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR AVIATION

SPONSOR: Association of Naval Aviation

HISTORY: Established to honor the person, officer or enlisted, who has best demonstrated outstanding skills and performance in the field of navigation.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be an aircrew member, or other individual, Regular or Reserve. Individuals assigned to the training command are also eligible.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The individual must be assigned as a navigator who has contributed significantly to the improvement of navigation training or navigation procedures in Naval Aviation. The award period covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by a board consisting of Marine, Navy, and Coast Guard representatives and presented at the annual ANA convention.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 January to CMC (ASM).

AMERICAN HELICOPTER SOCIETY (AHS) AWARDS

CATEGORY: AHS/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: DR. ALEXANDER KLEMIN AWARD

SPONSOR: American Helicopter Society

HISTORY: Established to honor the memory of the eminent aeronautical engineer, educator, author, and outstanding pioneer in rotary wing aeronautics.

ELIGIBILITY: All active duty Marine helicopter personnel.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: For notable achievement in the advancement of rotary wing aeronautics. The award period covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by the American Helicopter Society and presented at the annual AHS National Forum.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 3 January to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: AHS/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. KOSSLER AWARD

SPONSOR: American Helicopter Society

HISTORY: Established to honor the memory of Captain Kossler, a U.S. Coast Guard airman, aeronautical engineer and early advocate of helicopter operations.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine helicopter pilots.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: For the greater achievement in the practical application or operation of rotary wing aircraft demonstrated by actual service. The award covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by the American Helicopter Society and presented at the annual AHS National Forum.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 3 January to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: AHS/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: GROVER E. BELL AWARD

SPONSOR: American Helicopter Society

HISTORY: Established to honor the memory of an early pioneer airman by his brother in order to foster and encourage research and experimentation in helicopter development.

ELIGIBILITY: All active duty Marine helicopter personnel.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: For the most outstanding contribution to helicopter development in the United States. The award covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by the American Helicopter Society and presented at the annual AHS National Forum.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 3 January to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: AHS/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: FREDERICK L. FEINBERG AWARD

SPONSOR: American Helicopter Society

HISTORY: Established to honor the memory of an outstanding helicopter test pilot and exemplary individual.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine helicopter pilots.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: For outstanding achievements, rescues, test development of new aircraft or of a high level of performance in operational flying. The award period covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by the American Helicopter Society and presented at the annual AHS National Forum.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 3 January to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: AHS/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: PAUL E. HAUETER MEMORIAL AWARD

SPONSOR: American Helicopter Society

HISTORY: Established to honor an aeronautical engineer, public servant and AHS officer instrumental in fostering early development of V/STOL aircraft in the U.S.

ELIGIBILITY: All active duty Marine AV-8B personnel.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: For significant contribution toward the development of vertical takeoff and landing aircraft other than helicopters. The award covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by the American Helicopter Society and presented at the annual AHS National Forum.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 3 January to CMC (ASM).

OTHER AVIATION AWARDS

CATEGORY: OTHER AVIATION AWARDS/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: AVIATOR'S VALOR AWARD

SPONSOR: American Legion Post #743, NY

HISTORY: Established by the American Legion Aviator's Post of New York City to commemorate courageous acts performed by military pilots in aerial flights.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine Aviators and Naval Flight Officers, Regular and Reserve. Posthumous awards may be made.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: For a conspicuous act of valor or courage performed during aerial flight. May be in combat or non-combat. The award period covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by CNO from USMC, USN and USCG nominations, subject to concurrence by the American Legion Post #743.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 3 January to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: OTHER AVIATION AWARDS/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: COLLIER TROPHY

SPONSOR: National Aeronautic Association

HISTORY: Established by Robert Joseph Collier to promote Aviation Safety and innovation in aircraft safety.

ELIGIBILITY: All active duty Marine aviation personnel.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, to improve performance, efficiency or safety of air or space vehicles. The award covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by the Collier Committee and awarded by the National Aeronautics Association. The President of the United States customarily makes the presentation.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 January to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: OTHER AVIATION AWARDS/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: AVCO-AWA HELICOPTER HEROISM AWARD

SPONSOR: AVCO Corporation and the Aviation/Space  
Writers Association

HISTORY: Established to recognize heroism  
involving the use of a helicopter.

ELIGIBILITY: All helicopter Marines, Regular and  
Reserve. Posthumous and joint awards may  
be made.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: An outstanding humanitarian act of  
heroism involving the use of a  
helicopter. The award period covers the  
calendar year immediately preceding the  
nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by a committee  
appointed by the Aviation/Space Writers  
Association. Presentation is made  
annually in New York.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 January to CMC (ASM).

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CATEGORY: OTHER AVIATION AWARDS/INDIVIDUAL

NAME: HARMON INTERNATIONAL TROPHY

SPONSOR: Harmon International Trophies

HISTORY: Established by Clifford Burke Harmon, an American aviation pioneer.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine Aviators and Naval Flight Officers, and Astronauts.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The most outstanding international achievement in the art/science of aeronautics for the preceding year, with art of flying receiving the first consideration. The award covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by the Harmon Selection Committee. Presentation is made by the President of the United States.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 31 January to CMC (ASM).

CATEGORY: OTHER AVIATION AWARDS/UNIT

NAME: EXPEDITIONARY AIRFIELD (EAF) UNIT OF THE YEAR

SPONSOR: Engineered Arresting Systems Corporation

HISTORY: Established to recognize the superior performance of the Marine Expeditionary Airfield Units within the Marine Wing Support Squadrons.

ELIGIBILITY: All Marine Expeditionary Airfield Units within the Marine Wing Support Squadrons, Regular and Reserve.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The award covers the period 1 Jan to 31 Dec immediately preceding the nomination due date.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection is made by a board consisting of representatives from CMC (ASL) and Naval Air Systems Command (PMA-251) and presented at the annual EAF conference.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 1 March to CMC (ASL).









MWSS SQUADRON STATISTICAL SUMMARY

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

AWARD: \_\_\_\_\_

SAFETY:

PUBLISHED SAFETY ARTICLES \_\_\_\_\_  
NATOPS RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
CLASS "A" MISHAPS \_\_\_\_\_  
CLASS "B/C" MISHAPS \_\_\_\_\_  
WORKING DAYS SINCE LAST ACCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT READINESS PERCENTAGE:

COMMUNICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
ENGINEER \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTOR TRANSPORT \_\_\_\_\_  
FIELD MESS EQUIPMENT \_\_\_\_\_  
INSPECTIONS/GRADE BY BRANCH \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (MORE THAN A WEEK):

MILES DRIVEN BY MOTOR TRANSPORT \_\_\_\_\_  
MEALS SERVED IN A TACTICAL ENVIRONMENT \_\_\_\_\_  
MEDICAL/DENTAL READINESS \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL AWARDS \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONNEL:

FIRST TERM REENLISTMENTS \_\_\_\_\_  
RETENTION RATES \_\_\_\_\_  
OFFICER AUGMENTATION      REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_  
   APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
NON-EAS ATTRITION \_\_\_\_\_  
OFF-DUTY EDUCATION (NUMBER ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_  
GED'S COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_  
MCI/EXTENSION COURSES COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_  
MCU DISTANCE EDUCATION (ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:



OPERATIONS :

OPERATIONS/EXERCISES SUPPORTED  
INSPECTIONS/GRADE

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REMARKS :