Marine Ground
Officer of the
Year



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2
CHARLES T. DINE
MWSS-371, 3D MAW







For meritorious achievement as Expeditionary Airfield and Emergency Services Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 371, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing from 1 January to 31 December 2011. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Charles T. Dine was directly responsible for the employment of over half of the Marine Corps' inventory of aluminum matting generation 2. During Operation Enduring Freedom, he encountered direct and indirect enemy fire while surveying, installing, and maintaining airfields.

As the aircraft rescue and fire fighting officer-in-charge, he was responsible for the Marine Corps fire fighting support at five air sites in Helmand province, encompassing over 15,000 Marines, to support both aircraft and structural fire protection and safely recover a mishap aircraft without further damage. In all instances, these tasks required uncommon professionalism and were conducted in austere environments with minimal supplies, critical timelines, and numerous restraints. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dine's initiative, perseverance, and total dedication to duty reflected credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

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