

MARINE COMMAND AND CONTROL OFFICER OF THE YEAR



THE ROBERT F. GIBSON AWARD

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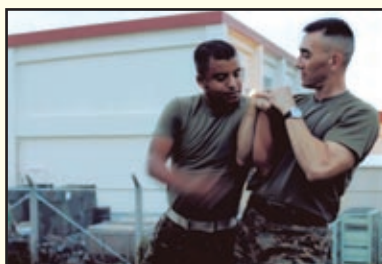
In Recognition of The Most Outstanding Contribution to Marine Aviation by an Officer Serving in a Marine Command and Control Unit.



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| 1991 Capt Mark R. Cyr | |

MAJOR KOICHI TAKAGI



Award Citation

Major Koichi Takagi was instrumental in unprecedented success supporting numerous units across five major exercises in the Western Pacific Area- including Humanitarian Aid Operations following the destruction Typhoon Megi inflicted in the Philippines while serving as Commanding Officer, Detachment Alpha, MWCS-18 from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010. The units support extended beyond those assigned to the 1st MAW; most notably, support was provided to the Marine Expeditionary Brigade's and the Marine Expeditionary Force's Air Combat Elements. None of this could have been accomplished without his superb guidance, leadership, foresight and knowledge. His actions have established him as a highly competent and dependable leader. Major Takagi's unmatched abilities and total dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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