

AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL MARINE OF THE YEAR



THE KENNETH A. INNIS AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of
Master Gunnery Sergeant
Kenneth A. Innis

In Recognition of
The Most Outstanding Contribution
Made by an Enlisted Marine in the
Air Command and Control Field



LOCKHEED MARTIN

2010 SSgt Gene A. Gibbs
2009 MSgt Gary G. Gumienny
2008 GySgt Rachel L. Eltz
2007 SSgt K. J. Williams
2006 Sgt N. A. Norville
2005 GySgt J. A. Dobbins
2004 GySgt Russell T. Sinclair
2003 SSgt Charles C. Robinett
2002 GySgt R. G. Eskam
2001 Sgt Michael Soto
2000 GySgt Vernon K. Abshire
1999 Sgt Victor B. Watts
1998 SSgt Kenneth C. Reynolds
1997 GySgt Carol A. Franssen
1996 Sgt Andrew C. Johnson
1995 SSgt Dean L. Jones
1994 MGySgt Donald L. Kopff
1993 GySgt Samuel R. Schmidt
1992 GySgt Timothy P. Bougher
1991 SSgt Brent W. Pforthmiller
1990 Cpl Derek R. Andersen
1989 Sgt Timothy J. Didas
1988 Sgt Brian E. Dundon

SERGEANT
XAVIER W. WETHINGTON



Award Citation

Sergeant Xavier W. Wethington was instrumental to the success of the Special Purpose MAGTF, managing over 250 hours of safe helicopter flight operations and the transportation of over 260,000 pounds of cargo and passengers while serving as Marine Air Traffic Control Mobile Team's Assistant Team Leader and Training Noncommissioned Officer, MACS-2 and Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Continuing Promise 2010 from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010. His contributions while deployed with the first MAGTF to be commanded by an Aviation Command and Control Unit were indicative of the quality Marine Sergeant Wethington has been his entire career. Serving in six foreign countries, Sergeant Wethington played a pivotal role in the safe and expeditious routing of Navy and Marine Corps aircraft transporting personnel and gear throughout Southcom. Sergeant Wethington's performance and dedication has set the example both in and out of the Marine Air Command and Control Community. Sergeant Wethington's uncompromising loyalty and total devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of Marine Corps aviation.



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