

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER LEADERSHIP AWARD



THE JAMES E. NICHOLSON AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of James E. Nicholson, Considered the "Father of the MCAA," Who Served with Distinction as a Member of the First Aeronautic Company during WW I.

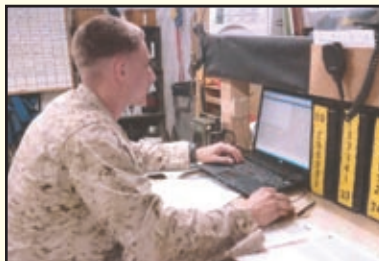
In Recognition of
The Most Significant Example of Leadership Demonstrated by a Noncommissioned Officer in Marine Aviation.



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| 2010 Ryan Fuss | 1993 SSgt Michael A. Hoffman |
| 2009 Sgt Thomas M. Reed | 1992 SSgt Robert G. Meserve |
| 2008 GySgt Arthur W. Cochran | 1991 GySgt William R. Shearer |
| 2007 GySgt Brian J. O'Toole | 1990 MGySgt John E. Merchant |
| 2006 Sgt E. J. Amezquitazamora | 1989 MGySgt Robert D. Targett |
| 2005 GySgt Anthony Garcia | 1988 GySgt George C. Johnson |
| 2004 GySgt Marvin M. Magcale | 1987 MSgt Tommy Lane Jr. |
| 2003 GySgt Vincent F. Young | 1986 MSgt William R. Griffith |
| 2002 GySgt R. J. Watson | 1985 MSgt Daniel Smith III |
| 2001 SSgt Daniel W. Annunziata | 1984 MSgt James W. Varney |
| 2000 SSgt Trisha A. Schmidt | 1983 Sgt John A. Lopresti |
| 1999 MGySgt Jeffery A. Davis | 1982 MSgt Robert MacLaughlin |
| 1998 SSgt Rosa A. Clarke | 1981 GySgt John K. Jones |
| 1997 Sgt Sarah L. Hart | 1980 MSgt Donald J. Turk |
| 1996 Sgt Daniel C. Gutierrez | 1979 MSgt Hershail A. Buchann |
| 1995 GySgt Clayton T. Kribs | 1978 MSgt Edward D. Boyd |
| 1994 GySgt Timothy P. Hinger | 1977 Sgt David L. Ford |

SERGEANT
JOSHUA D. OBERMIER



Award Citation

Sergeant Joshua D. Obermier demonstrated unparalleled leadership by directly increasing the squadron's aircraft availability in preparation for Operation Enduring Freedom while serving as a CH-53D Maintenance Controller for HMH-362 from 1 January to 31 December 2010. His character and bearing were unwavering during joint training exercise Lava Viper 10.1. His contribution in the acceptance and transfer of ten CH-53Ds, the breakdown and the buildup of two CH-53Ds for the squadron's transition to combat were pivotal. His oversight of the phase program and the daily scheduling of aircraft allowed the squadron to realign the phase plan and prioritize the maintenance work load while supporting over 1,000 flight hours and 1,900 combat sorties. His expert management of personnel and aircraft maintenance was instrumental in the squadron's success, both in combat and in garrison. Sergeant Obermier's dedication, initiative, and leadership reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of Marine Corps aviation.



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