

AVIONICS MARINE OF THE YEAR



THE PAUL G. VESS AWARD

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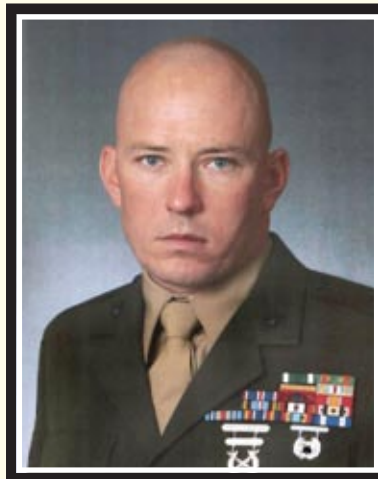
Established in Honor of Master Gunnery Sergeant Paul G. Vess, a Leader in the Field of Avionics, Who Served with Distinction for Over Thirty Years.

In Recognition of
The Most Outstanding Contribution
to Marine Aviation Made by an
Electronics Technician
in Marine Aviation.



**BAE SYSTEMS,
ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS**

STAFF SERGEANT RYAN J. STRAUB



Award Citation

Staff Sergeant Ryan J. Straub displayed unparalleled leadership and technical knowledge while serving as the Communications/Navigation/Radar Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge for VMAQ-1 in support of combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom from January 2010 to December 2010. As a subject matter expert in all three prowler avionics work centers, Staff Sergeant Straub planned and established the Avionics Division layout and maintenance operations in Afghanistan. Using exceptional foresight, he directed over 400 hours of technical cross training in preparation of an impending avionic intensive platform upgrade. His untiring efforts directly impacted the acceptance of four Improved Capability III aircraft and facilitated a demanding three week course of instruction for 40 technicians. As a Collateral Duty Inspector, his actions resulted in 1752 maintenance actions and over 3406 maintenance man-hours. Staff Sergeant Straub's managerial ability and total dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself in keeping with the highest traditions of Marine Corps aviation.



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| 2009 SSgt Thomas M. McNelis | 1992 GySgt Ronald G. Hayward |
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| 2007 SSgt C. C. Wilson | 1990 SSgt Walter B. Jarek |
| 2006 GySgt G. C. Krenek | 1989 Cpl Lansden R. Good III |
| 2005 GySgt J. H. Kreitzer | 1988 Cpl James H. Parish Jr. |
| 2004 Sgt Henry L. Sapp | 1987 GySgt Ronald H. Cowles |
| 2003 GySgt Duwayne W. Darby | 1986 SSgt Karl E. Duggin |
| 2002 GySgt A. L. Garran | 1985 GySgt Donald L. Erickson |
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| 2000 Sgt Brandy R. Vaughn | 1983 SSgt James C. Addington |
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| 1994 SSgt Andrew McLaughlin | 1977 GySgt Raymond Clapsadle |