

MARINE AVIATOR OF THE YEAR



THE ALFRED A. CUNNINGHAM AWARD

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Alfred A. Cunningham,
the First Marine Aviator,
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the First Marine Aviation Force
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In Recognition of
The Most Outstanding
Contribution Made to Marine Aviation,
Whether in Combat, Research and
Development, Weapons Employment,
or to Overall Marine Aviation, by an
Individual in Marine Aviation.



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2006	Maj Ricardo Martinez	1982	Maj Bruce B. Knutson Jr.
2005	Capt G. J. Pawson	1981	LtCol Alfred J. Allega
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1999	Maj Michael L. Lawrence	1975	LtCol James L. Bolton
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1988	LtCol Larry D. Outlaw	1964	LtCol Thomas J. Ross
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1986	Maj Ivan M. Behel	1962	LtCol John H. Glenn Jr.

CAPTAIN
HENRY J. HORTENSTINE



Award Citation

Captain Henry J. Hortenstine made outstanding contributions to Marine aviation while serving as the Quality Assurance Officer and UH-1N Weapons and Tactics Instructor for HMLA-169 during Operation Enduring Freedom. While at FOB Dwyer, Afghanistan, Capt Hortenstine received communications from a squadron mate engaged as the on-scene commander for his own fallen dash-two AH-1W aircraft on a river bank. Capt Hortenstine departed directly to the area of the downed aircraft. Arriving on scene, he immediately evaluated the situation by orienting on any personnel posing as potential threats to the downed aircrew. Once the landing area was assessed secure for landing, he was directed by the HMLA-169 CO to recover the pilots. On deck, he ordered crewchiefs to recover both downed pilots while he scanned the growing crowd of Afghani locals for any threats. Crewchiefs had both pilots in the Huey and ready for departure in less than one minute. Capt Hortenstine's leadership and daring initiative directly saved the lives of two critically wounded fellow Marines. Capt Hortenstine upheld the highest standards of Naval aviation. His total devotion to duty reflected credit upon him and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps.



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