

# MARINE LIGHT ATTACK HELICOPTER SQUADRON OF THE YEAR



## THE JOHN P. GIGUERE AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of  
Captain John P. Giguere,  
Killed in Action During a  
Pilot Rescue Mission in Grenada.

In Recognition of  
The Most Outstanding Marine  
Light Attack Helicopter Squadron  
in Marine Aviation.

### HMLA-269



**BELL HELICOPTER  
TEXTRON**

- 2009 HMLA-367
- 2008 HMLA-773
- 2007 HMLA-169
- 2006 HMLA-167
- 2005 HMLA-773
- 2004 HMLA-369
- 2003 HMLA-267
- 2002 HMLA-169
- 2001 HMLA-269
- 2000 HMLA-167
- 1999 HMLA-269
- 1998 HMLA-369
- 1997 HMLA-169
- 1996 HMLA-369
- 1995 HMLA-269



### Award Citation

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 demonstrated sustained superior performance and made outstanding contributions to the reputation of Marine Corps aviation from 1 January 2009, to 31 December 2009. HMLA-269 provided a superior combat force in readiness in support of the Global War on Terrorism by deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom 08.2, and Operation Iraqi Freedom 09.2. After returning from their first deployment of the year, HMLA-269 provided invaluable support to prepare other units for combat operations by supplying detachments to two Marine expeditionary units and participating in joint training with other services and nations. The Marines of HMLA-269 performed over 80,088.6 man hours of maintenance and flew 4731.4 flight hours during 3300 sorties, while incurring no aviation or ground mishaps. Through their loyal devotion to duty, dedication to professionalism, and high esprit de corps, the Marines and sailors of HMLA-269 reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of Marine Corps aviation.



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