

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

- 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

STAFF SERGEANT
GENE A. GIBBS



Award Citation

Staff Sergeant Gene Gibbs demonstrated extraordinary skill and professional capabilities while serving as Platoon Sergeant, 1st Platoon, Air Support Company, Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific, and Battle Staff Communications Operator/Mission Controller, Lead Airborne Communication Technician, and Marine Liaison to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing for the Joint Airborne Battle Staff, 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, U.S. Marine Forces, Central Command, Multi-National Forces-Iraq from 1 January 2009, to 31 December 2009. SSgt Gibbs directly managed 4.5 million dollars worth of Joint Communications Support Element Airborne Communications Systems equipment while flying 24 combat sorties, amassing over 250 combat flight hours and processing more than 159 tactical support requests and 11 emergency support requests, including nine IED responses, three Troops-in-Contact events, and 14 vehicle recoveries. His actions have established him as a highly competent and dependable leader. SSgt Gibbs' unmatched abilities and total dedication to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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