

AVIATION ORDNANCE MARINE OF THE YEAR



THE GAINES B. GILBERT AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of Master Gunnery Sergeant Gaines B. Gilbert, a Leader in the Field of Aviation Ordnance, Who Served with Distinction for Thirty-nine Years.

In Recognition of The Most Outstanding Ordnance Technician Serving in Marine Aviation.



RAYTHEON

- 2009 GySgt Sean C. Kuietauskas
- 2008 Sgt Brian D. Kolterman
- 2007 Sgt J. D. Quigley
- 2006 Sgt J. H. Barr
- 2005 Sgt B. A. Roczicka
- 2004 SSgt Carl E. Moser
- 2003 Sgt Zachary F. Ritter
- 2002 Sgt B.D. Auten
- 2001 SSgt Gary L. Shopper
- 2000 SSgt Michael T. Kuzniar
- 1999 Sgt Sally D. Morris
- 1998 Sgt Anthony J. Ramos
- 1997 SSgt Mark A. Mitchell
- 1996 Sgt Porfirio A. Velasquez-Torres
- 1995 SSgt Gary L. Glisan
- 1994 SSgt Lisa A. Borbe
- 1993 SSgt John A. Graboski

SERGEANT CLEVELAND SMITH



Award Citation

Sgt Cleveland Smith demonstrated professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties as Ordnance Non-Commissioned Officer, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009. During this period, Sgt Smith performed his duties in a highly professional manner and distinguished himself as the most valuable aviation ordnance Marine in the United States Marine Corps. His tireless work ethic and brilliant technical abilities in the ordnance field have set the standard for all to emulate. His flawless management of ordnance while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom directly contributed to the combat skill of the squadron pilots and the improved proficiency and readiness of the ordnance Marines. His firm leadership and technical excellence ensured the safe combat expenditure of over 160,000 pounds of ordnance in support of Marines and NATO allies engaged in combat against the Taliban. Sgt Smith's exceptional professional ability, initiative, and loyal dedication to duty reflected great credit upon him and were keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.



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