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**LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ELDON E. METZGER**



Award Citation

Lieutenant Colonel Eldon E. Metzger demonstrated meritorious performance while serving as the PMA-276 USMC Light/Attack Helicopter Program UH-1Y Integrated Product Team Leader for calendar year 2009. During this period, LtCol Metzger maintained UH-1Y program cost, schedule and technical performance metrics within all established thresholds and ensured the success of the first two UH-1Y deployments in support of overseas contingency operations. Employing a unique sense of personal ownership of his program, he expertly executed a \$339M contract to produce 15 new UH-1Ys as part of the Lot 6 aircraft procurement contract and seamlessly coordinated delivery of seven new Lot 3 and Lot 4 UH-1Ys to the Fleet Marine Forces. Using detailed management skills and a strong communications link with the fleet, he smoothly implemented a \$14M post-production modification program which configured every deploying UH-1Y with mission critical helmet-mounted sight and display systems, electro-optical sensor packages, communications equipment and significant aircraft safety enhancements. His acquisition leadership and dedicated efforts directly resulted in the warfighting successes of the UH-1Y deployed to overseas contingency and combat operations. LtCol Metzger's professionalism and selfless devotion to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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