

AVIATION GROUND MARINE OF THE YEAR



THE JACK W. DEMMOND AWARD

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Established in Honor of
Lieutenant Colonel Jack W. Demmond
Who Served Marine Corps Aviation
with Versatility and Distinction for
Over Twenty-nine Years.

In Recognition of Outstanding
Contributions Made While Serving
with Marine Aviation.



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- 2001 SSgt Michael S. Hounshell
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- 1996 SSgt Timothy King
- 1995 Sgt Mark L. Unger

MASTER SERGEANT STEVEN LEMKE



Award Citation

Master Sergeant Steven Lemke demonstrated meritorious achievement as the Expeditionary Airfield Branch Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, Marine Wing Support Squadron 371, Marine Aircraft Group 40, 2D Marine Expeditionary Brigade, from February 2009 to October 2009, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 09.1. During this period, MSgt Lemke was directly responsible for the installation of over 2.2 million square feet of Aluminum Matting Two (AM2) projects throughout Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Additionally, MSgt Lemke led a detachment of 70 Marines to construct a 500,000 square foot C-130 assault strip, greatly enhancing the logistical throughput of Forward Operating Base Dwyer. Finally, MSgt Lemke's creative approach to the accountability, staging, and redistribution of the equivalent of 100 acres worth of AM2 was unprecedented in the Expeditionary Airfield community. Each of these historic tasks was accomplished under the most arduous conditions – austere environment, demanding timelines and with minimal equipment. MSgt Lemke's initiative, perseverance and total dedication to duty reflect credit upon him and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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