

AVIONICS MARINE OF THE YEAR



THE PAUL G. VESS AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of Master Gunnery Sergeant Paul G. Vess, a Leader in the Field of Avionics, Who Served with Distinction for Over Thirty Years.

In Recognition of
The Most Outstanding Contribution to Marine Aviation Made by an Electronics Technician in Marine Aviation.



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ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS**

SERGEANT STEVE BOUGNADETH



Award Citation

Sgt Steve Bougnadeth made outstanding contributions to Marine Corps aviation while serving as an avionics technician assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing from 1 January, to 31 December 2009. Sgt Bougnadeth displayed superb leadership and technical knowledge in the CH-53D avionics division during a high operational tempo.

As a subject matter expert in secure voice communications and aircraft survivability equipment, Sgt Bougnadeth was directly responsible for the squadron's effectiveness supporting training for combat operations during

Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. His untiring efforts directly impacted incorporation, validation and replacement of the T64-GE-416 engine upgrade of 20 aircraft engines on 10 aircraft in 22 days, and the subsequent break down of all aircraft for movement from Iraq to Afghanistan. As a collateral duty inspector, his actions resulted in 1,082 completed maintenance actions and over 3954.1 maintenance man-hours.

Sgt Bougnadeth's initiative, perseverance and total dedication to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of Marine Corps aviation.



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