

# MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON OF THE YEAR



## THE HENRY WILDFANG AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of  
Major Henry Wildfang Who  
Served with Distinction and Heroism as  
a Pilot in the Marine Corps Transport  
Community.

In Recognition of  
The Most Outstanding Marine  
Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron  
in Marine Aviation.

### VMGR-352



**LOCKHEED MARTIN**

- 2009 VMGR-152
- 2008 VMGR-352
- 2007 VMGR-252
- 2006 VMGR-152
- 2005 VMGR-252
- 2004 VMGR-352
- 2003 VMGR-234
- 2002 VMGR-234
- 2001 VMGR-152
- 2000 VMGR-352
- 1999 VMGR-252
- 1998 VMGR-234
- 1997 VMGR-252
- 1996 VMGR-152
- 1995 VMGR-252
- 1994 VMGR-152
- 1993 VMGR-352



### Award Citation

Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron-352 demonstrated exemplary performance from 1 January 2009, to 31 December 2009. VMGR-352 distinguished itself from all other Aerial Refueler Transport Squadrons by setting the bar and defining the path for readiness and combat support across Marine aviation. The Raiders entered their fourth year of continuous combat deployment, providing simultaneous detachments in Al Asad, Iraq, and Kandahar, Afghanistan. The squadron forged ahead in readiness, becoming the first in Marine aviation to achieve and maintain Aircrew Core Competency Level Two. The maintenance department's increased level of efficiency resulted in a Mission Capable Rate of 87 percent and a score of 97.8 percent on the Naval Safety Center Survey. The Raiders flew in excess of 7,578 hours and 5,424 sorties, surpassing 53,000 mishap-free flight hours. In the midst of their high operational tempo, the Raiders provided training and maintenance support for their sister squadrons throughout the year. The impressive performance of VMGR-352 reflects great credit upon the Raiders and is in keeping with the highest traditions of Marine aviation and the United States Marine Corps.



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