

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON OF THE YEAR



THE EDWARD C. DYER AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Memory of
Brigadier General Edward C. Dyer
Who was a Pioneer Helicopter Pilot
and the First Commanding
Officer of HMX-1

In Recognition of
The Most Outstanding Marine
Medium Helicopter Squadron
in Marine Aviation.

HMM-268



THE BOEING COMPANY

- 2009 HMM-161
- 2008 HMM-261
- 2007 HMM-262
- 2006 HMM-266
- 2005 HMM-268
- 2004 HMM-161
- 2003 HMM-161
- 2002 HMM-163
- 2001 HMM-161
- 2000 HMM-265
- 1999 HMM-266
- 1998 HMM-264
- 1997 HMM-365
- 1996 HMM-263
- 1995 HMM-365



Award Citation

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 provided meritorious service in support of Marine Aircraft Group 39, from 1 January 2009, to 31 December 2009. HMM-268 demonstrated sustained superior performance, amassing over 5,160.4 mishap-free flight hours while maintaining some of the highest readiness, inspection, retention, mission accomplishment and full mission capable aircraft numbers in 3d MAW. Flying 4655.7 combat hours in support of II MEF, the Red Dragons provided VIP and general support to the ground combat element 24 hours a day. Averaging 739 combat hours per month, the squadron executed 349 VIP missions and two named operations in high threat areas. The Red Dragons carried 9,495 passengers and 280,037 pounds of cargo, with full mission capable aircraft rates reaching 90.0%, all while not losing a Marine to combat, accident or illness. Maintaining aircraft through 59,000 maintenance hours, the squadron performed 37 phase inspections, each averaging just four days. During this period the Red Dragons returned to CONUS and immediately supported 3d MAW. Through its commitment to excellence in operations, maintenance and safety, HMM-268 established itself as the vanguard of assault support and upheld the highest traditions of Marine Corps aviation.



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