

MARINE NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as Weapons and Tactics Training Officer, VMFA(AW)-533, MAG-31, 2D MAW, from 1 January to 31 December 2019. During this period, Captain Betzel performed his duties with a sense of purpose and initiative not common among his peers. He completed Marine Division Tactics Course and Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, which enabled him to develop an annual training program to produce combat qualifications and elevate squadron tactical performance standards. He trained pilots across MAG-31 by coordinating and developing a live missile shoot exercise that resulted in the successful employment of 19 air-to-air missiles. As a weapons expert, he tactically led his aircrew through a successful integrated training exercise which resulted in over 310,000 pounds of high explosive ordnance. Captain Betzel's professional ability and personal initiative reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

Captain Alexander B. Betzel

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