



## VMFT-401

MAG-41, 4TH MAW

## MARINE AVIATION SAFETY

*For meritorious achievement, noteworthy performance and outstanding contributions to Marine Corps aviation from 1 January to 31 December 2020. The "Snipers" of VMFT-401 set the standard for aviation excellence through safe, tactical execution while supporting every Type/Model/Series of aircraft in the Marine Corps inventory. The Snipers displayed exceptional flight leadership and skill through squadron flying 3,320 sorties in the F-5 Tiger II aircraft and amassing 3,293 mishap-free flight hours. By flying countless dynamic air combat maneuvering engagements while providing consistent, safe adversary support to 26 United States Marine Corps squadrons, 11 Air Force squadrons, and numerous ground units, they enhanced fleet-wide effectiveness in both surface-to-air and air-to-air combat skill sets. The Snipers executed the adversary mission with the intense focus that makes Marine aviation legendary, and their efforts provided fleet units with invaluable combat training. The achievements of VMFT-401 reflected exceptional leadership, professionalism, and devotion to duty upon themselves and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.*

### PETE ROSS AWARD



*Established in honor of First Lieutenant Joseph "Pete" Ross, who perished while flying during a drill at Naval Air Station Glenview, IL, for the Marine aviation unit compiling the best safety record over the past year.*

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