

## EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MARINE AVIATION



### The Air Crew of RAIDR50

VMGR-352, MAG-11,  
3D MAW

#### JAMES MAGUIRE AWARD



*Established in honor of Gunnery Sergeant James Maguire, the first enlisted Marine ordered to aviation duty and served with Alfred A. Cunningham, for the most significant contribution to Marine aviation by an individual or squadron, not otherwise recognized.*

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*For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as RAIDR50, the KC-130J aircrew of VMGR-352 were involved in a mid-air collision while conducting air-to-air refueling with BOLT93, an F-35B. On 29 September 2020, after losing two engines, the eight members of this aircrew demonstrated an unparalleled level of heroism by conducting an emergency landing in Thermal, California, while monitoring a fuel leak, extinguishing a fire, experiencing a rapid decompression, and landing without a fully functional landing gear system due to the mid-air collision. In a span of 11 crucial minutes, the crew demonstrated a superior level of judgement while dealing with compounding emergencies in the most chaotic environment. Without the efforts of the crew executing sound crew resource management and superior decision-making while responding to life-threatening danger, the aircrew would have perished. With steadfast efforts, superb airmanship, and unexcelled dedication to duty in the hazardous flying conditions, the RAIDR50 aircrew reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.*

