

ORDNANCE MARINE OF THE YEAR

For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as Aircraft Ordnance Technician, HMLA-369, MAG-39, 3D MAW, from 1 January to 31 December 2020. During this time, Sergeant Bedford's involvement and effort during Unit Deployment Program 20.1 exceeded expectations and resulted in both the first-ever H-1 diving live fire event with the Japanese Self-Defense Force in support of Exercise Northern Viper and the first H-1 ever hot loading evolution aboard Kadena Air Base. Furthermore, his performance as a Quality Assurance/Safety Observer and Collateral Duty Quality Assurance representative allowed the squadron to safely expend over 310,000 pounds of munitions worth over \$15,000,000. He embodies the Marine ordnance man and sets a distinguished example for others with his one-of-a-kind leadership tactics that inspire the esprit de corps. Sergeant Bedford's initiative, perseverance, and dedication to duty, reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.



**Sergeant
Nicholas D. Bedford**

HMLA-369, MAG-39,
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