

MARINE AIR COMMAND/CONTROL UNIT OF THE YEAR

For superior performance while conducting training and combat operations from 1 January to 31 December 2020. MACS-1's efforts led to three air traffic control (ATC) deployments in support of Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force–Crisis Response–Central Command, Naval Tactical Air Control Center integration and aviation Command and Control for the 11th and 15th Marine Expeditionary Units, and air defense augmentation of the Air Force's control and reporting center for OPERATIONS RESOLUTE SUPPORT and INHERENT RESOLVE. MACS-1 supported United States Forces Korea operations with a radar surveillance crew to track theater ballistic missile launches. MACS-1 persevered through COVID-19 restrictions to support 38 unit, service, joint, and coalition exercises: accomplishing 8,077 training events and generating 265 certifications. MACS-1 organized a 31 membered ATC Detachment for Central Command's immediate response force, where it enhanced flight safety for 350 combat sorties. Through their devotion, the Marines and sailors of MACS-1 reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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