

AVIATION GROUND MARINE OF THE YEAR



THE JACK W. DEMMOND AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of
Lieutenant Colonel Jack W. Demmond
Who Served Marine Corps Aviation
with Versatility and Distinction for
Over Twenty-nine Years.

In Recognition of Outstanding
Contributions Made While Serving
with Marine Aviation.



SENSIS CORPORATION

- 2008 SSgt Blair R. Clark
- 2007 SSgt B. A. DeBusk
- 2006 SSgt S. L. Leonard
- 2005 SSgt K. D. Voss
- 2004 SSgt Hector M. De La Pena
- 2003 SSgt Elibert S. Ginez
- 2002 Sgt C. B. Peoples
- 2001 SSgt Michael S. Hounshell
- 2000 GySgt Lisa C. Beeksm
- 1999 Sgt Ronald R. Phillips
- 1998 Sgt Paul F. Smith
- 1997 Sgt Ralph A. VanAssche
- 1996 SSgt Timothy King
- 1995 Sgt Mark L. Unger

STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT LEATHERMAN



Award Citation

Staff Sergeant Robert Leatherman demonstrated outstanding achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as Heavy Equipment Operations Chief, Engineer Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009. SSgt Leatherman led a heavy equipment operations section through a high-paced deployment which entailed 63 separate and diverse missions. He exercised initiative by improving aviation ground support dust abatement capabilities after identifying an issue in the application of "Rhino Snot" dust palliative. Conducting his own research, he consulted with Envirotac, the manufacturer, and determined that when the "Rhino Snot" was applied at high temperatures, it would dry quickly before absorbing in the ground. His research resulted in the implementation of new dust abatement procedures during extreme daytime temperature. This approach has been implemented throughout the area of operations, resulting in more durable dust control capabilities. SSgt Leatherman's selfless devotion to duty and exceptional occupational proficiency reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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