

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON OF THE YEAR



THE EDWARD C. DYER AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Memory of
Brigadier General Edward C. Dyer
Who was a Pioneer Helicopter Pilot
and the First Commanding
Officer of HMX-1

In Recognition of
The Most Outstanding Marine
Medium Helicopter Squadron
in Marine Aviation.



THE BOEING COMPANY

2008	HMM-261
2007	HMM-262
2006	HMM-266
2005	HMM-268
2004	HMM-161
2003	HMM-161
2002	HMM-163
2001	HMM-161
2000	HMM-265
1999	HMM-266
1998	HMM-264
1997	HMM-365
1996	HMM-263
1995	HMM-365

HMM-161



Award Citation

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161 demonstrated distinguished achievement, professionalism and commendatory performance in training and combat from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009. The Greyhawks of HMM-161 maintained an exceptional 100 percent record of combat mission success while surpassing 66,252 Class A mishap-free flight hours. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, the squadron provided assault support to Multi National Force-West throughout the Al Anbar, flying 4,349 combat flight hours and 5,389 sorties in less than seven months. Greyhawks transported 15,984 passengers and 468,481 pounds of cargo to prepared and unprepared landing zones. Despite these high utilization rates of ageing aircraft, the squadron's exceptional maintenance Marines were able to maintain an average readiness rate of 88 percent full mission capable. As the squadron prepares to stand down prior to redesignation, this outstanding performance marked the historic conclusion of 58 years of helicopter support, dating back to the first combat helicopter troop lift in Korea. Their dedication to duty, unwavering professionalism and attention to detail reflected great credit upon them and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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