

AVIATION MAINTENANCE MARINE OF THE YEAR



THE WILLIE D. SPROULE AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of Master Gunnery Sergeant Willie D. Sproule, a Leader in the Field of Aviation Maintenance Who Served with Distinction for Over Thirty Years.

In Recognition of
The Most Outstanding Contribution Made to Marine Aviation by an Enlisted Marine Serving in a Maintenance Billet in Marine Aviation.



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GUNNERY SERGEANT DONALD WILSON



Award Citation

Gunnery Sergeant Donald Wilson made outstanding contributions to Marine Corps aviation while serving as the Quality Assurance Chief, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing from 1 January to 31 December 2009. During this period, GySgt Wilson's performance and leadership increased the squadron's war-fighting capabilities exponentially.

GySgt Wilson is a subject matter expert and a brilliant maintenance manager who ensures the squadron's maintenance programs are running safely and efficiently. By his actions, the squadron achieved great success while in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. During the historic deployment, GySgt Wilson led the unprecedented maintenance effort to upgrade ten aircraft with 20 T64-GE-416 engines in 22 days while maintaining combat operations in theater. GySgt Wilson is a consummate professional and the epitome of a Marine Staff Non-Commissioned Officer. GySgt Wilson's initiative, perseverance and total dedication to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of Marine Corps aviation.



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| 2009 Sgt Esteban Amezquitazamora | 1990 Cpl Thomas E. Covey |
| 2008 Cpl Brandyn C. Gutche | 1989 Sgt Edwin Jimenez |
| 2007 Sgt R. P. Roberthson | 1988 Sgt Steven R. Davis |
| 2006 SSgt Eric Williams | 1987 Sgt Margie E. Traub |
| 2005 SSgt B. M. Rioux | 1986 Cpl Joseph D. Gamble |
| 2004 GySgt Jersey J. Bray | 1985 SSgt Lou Ann Rickley |
| 2003 SSgt Troy A. Bissen | 1984 Sgt Jesus L. Zarate |
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| 1999 GySgt Brian E. Trimble | 1980 Sgt Neil V. McCarty |
| 1998 SSgt Francis Masterson III | 1979 Cpl Jose R. Guzman |
| 1997 GySgt Oscar G. Adley | 1978 Sgt David B. Shrader |
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| 1995 SSgt Paul D. Kogut | 1976 Cpl M. A. Bogaczyk |
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| 1991 Cpl Dale M. Harp | 1972 Sgt Gary Griswold |