

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER LEADERSHIP AWARD



THE JAMES E. NICHOLSON AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of James E. Nicholson, Considered the "Father of the MCAA," Who Served with Distinction as a Member of the First Aeronautic Company during WW I.

In Recognition of
The Most Significant Example of Leadership Demonstrated by a Noncommissioned Officer in Marine Aviation.



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SERGEANT THOMAS M. REED



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| 2008 GySgt Arthur W. Cochran | 1992 SSgt Robert G. Meserve |
| 2007 GySgt Brian J. O'Toole | 1991 GySgt William R. Shearer |
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| 2005 GySgt Anthony Garcia | 1989 MGySgt Robert D. Targett |
| 2004 GySgt Marvin M. Magecale | 1988 GySgt George C. Johnson |
| 2003 GySgt Vincent F. Young | 1987 MSgt Tommy Lane Jr. |
| 2002 GySgt R. J. Watson | 1986 MSgt William R. Griffith |
| 2001 SSgt Daniel W. Annunziata | 1985 MSgt Daniel Smith III |
| 2000 SSgt Trisha A. Schmidt | 1984 MSgt James W. Varney |
| 1999 MGySgt Jeffery A. Davis | 1983 Sgt John A. Lopresti |
| 1998 SSgt Rosa A. Clarke | 1982 MSgt Robert MacLaughlin |
| 1997 Sgt Sarah L. Hart | 1981 GySgt John K. Jones |
| 1996 Sgt Daniel C. Gutierrez | 1980 MSgt Donald J. Turk |
| 1995 GySgt Clayton T. Kribs | 1979 MSgt Hershail A. Buchann |
| 1994 GySgt Timothy P. Hinger | 1978 MSgt Edward D. Boyd |
| 1993 SSgt Michael A. Hoffman | 1977 Sgt David L. Ford |



Award Citation

Sergeant Thomas M. Reed made outstanding contributions to Marine Corps aviation while serving as a Motor Transport Section Leader, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009. During Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 8.01, Sgt Reed led security elements and commanded tactical movements. His leadership was essential to the preparation for and execution of 15 tactical convoys which transported 734 passengers and 2,408,000 pounds of cargo across 3,192 miles of uncertain terrain. He thoroughly prepared Marines for tactical operations by teaching and reviewing rules of engagement, standard operating procedures, and other essential topics. Leading from the front, he personally executed convoys necessary to establish Forward Operating Bases and refueling points that enabled coalition force operations. Sgt Reed trained and mentored other non-commissioned officers to lead convoys, resulting in maximum operational flexibility. His mentorship and leadership continued upon redeployment and enabled a successful return to operations within Pacific Command. Sgt Reed's leadership and dedication to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of Marine Corps Aviation.



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