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COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

2008 VMU-1	1988 VMGR-352
2007 HMM-363	1987 HMM-464
2006 HMM-161	1986 VMAT-203
2005 MACS-1	1985 HML-267
2004 HMM-464	1984 H&MS-12
2003 VMFA(AW)-121	1983 VMFP-3
2002 HMT-303	1982 HMA-369
2001 VMGR-234	1981 VMGR-352
2000 HMM-365	1980 VMFA-531
1999 HMM-265	1979 VMGR-252
1998 MWSG-37	1978 VMFA-251
1997 VMFA-232	1977 VMA-223
1996 VMFA-251	1976 VMAQ-2
1995 VMGR-252	1975 VMA(AW)-224
1994 SOES Cherry Point	1974 VMFA-115
1993 VMGR-152	1973 HMM-463
1992 VMGR-152	1972 VMA(AW)-224
1991 HMM-266	1971 HMM-262
1990 VMFAT-101	1970 VMFA-314
1989 VMFA-251	1969 VMO-6

HMM-265



Award Citation

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 demonstrated outstanding service and performance while assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009. During this period, HMM-265 completed four deployments in support of exercises and operations in countries throughout the USPACOM Area of Responsibility. The squadron effectively, efficiently, and safely conducted multiple embarkation evolutions aboard ships of USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group in support of Exercises Cobra Gold 08 and Cobra Gold 09 in the Kingdom of Thailand; Exercise Talon Vision 09 in the Republic of the Philippines, and Exercise Key Resolve 09 in the Republic of Korea. During this time the Dragons flew over 1,800 sorties for over 3,390 mishap-free flight hours transporting in excess of 27,000 pounds of cargo and 3,200 passengers while providing aviation assets critical to USPACOM's Theater Security Cooperation objectives and 1st MAW tasking. HMM-265's exceptional professionalism and total commitment to mission accomplishment have brought great credit upon themselves, the Marine Corps, and the United States Naval Service.



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