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COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

2009 HMM-265	1988 VMGR-352
2008 VMU-1	1987 HMH-464
2007 HMH-363	1986 VMAT-203
2006 HMM-161	1985 HML-267
2005 MACS-1	1984 H&MS-12
2004 HMH-464	1983 VMFP-3
2003 VMFA(AW)-121	1982 HMA-369
2002 HMT-303	1981 VMGR-352
2001 VMGR-234	1980 VMFA-531
2000 HMM-365	1979 VMGR-252
1999 HMM-265	1978 VMFA-251
1998 MWSG-37	1977 VMA-223
1997 VMFA-232	1976 VMAQ-2
1996 VMFA-251	1975 VMA(AW)-224
1995 VMGR-252	1974 VMFA-115
1994 SOES Cherry Point	1973 HMH-463
1993 VMGR-152	1972 VMA(AW)-224
1992 VMGR-152	1971 HMM-262
1991 HMM-266	1970 VMFA-314
1990 VMFA-101	1969 VMO-6
1989 VMFA-251	

VMU-2



Award Citation

Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 2 made outstanding contributions to Marine Corps aviation from 1 January to 31 December 2009. The Marines of VMU-2 performed in an exemplary and highly professional manner while deployed to both Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. VMU-2 deployed the Scan Eagle unmanned aerial system in support of coalition combat operations across western and northern Iraq. The squadron relocated its detachments into the ground combat operations centers to increase synergy and improve integration with the ground scheme of maneuver. The squadron deployed both Scan Eagle and Shadow unmanned aircraft systems to Afghanistan and provided effective intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support to NATO-ISAF combat forces across southern Afghanistan. VMU-2 significantly improved and increased support to ground combat operations in both theaters of war while sustaining a challenging operational tempo. The Night Owls' command and control innovations and perseverance contributed to the storied reputation of the Marine Air Ground Task Force, reflected great credit upon the Marines of VMU-2, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval service.



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