

AVIATION ORDNANCE MARINE OF THE YEAR



THE GAINES B. GILBERT AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of Master Gunnery Sergeant Gaines B. Gilbert, a Leader in the Field of Aviation Ordnance, Who Served with Distinction for Thirty-nine Years.

In Recognition of
The Most Outstanding
Ordnance Technician
Serving in Marine Aviation.



RAYTHEON

- 2008 Sgt Brian D. Kolterman
- 2007 Sgt J. D. Quigley
- 2006 Sgt J. H. Barr
- 2005 Sgt B. A. Roczicka
- 2004 SSgt Carl E. Moser
- 2003 Sgt Zachary F. Ritter
- 2002 Sgt B.D. Auten
- 2001 SSgt Gary L. Shopper
- 2000 SSgt Michael T. Kuzniar
- 1999 Sgt Sally D. Morris
- 1998 Sgt Anthony J. Ramos
- 1997 SSgt Mark A. Mitchell
- 1996 Sgt Porfirio A. Velasquez-Torres
- 1995 SSgt Gary L. Glisan
- 1994 SSgt Lisa A. Borbe
- 1993 SSgt John A. Graboski

GUNNERY SERGEANT SEAN C. KUIETAUSKAS



Award Citation

Gunnery Sergeant Sean C. Kuietauskas demonstrated outstanding contributions to Marine Corps aviation while serving as Aviation Ordnance Chief for HMM-365 (Reinforced) and HMLA-167 from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009. During this time, GySgt Kuietauskas was instrumental in the successful combat operations of both squadrons. Forward deployed to FOB Dwyer as a member of the 24 MEU, he directly supervised and led the ordnance Marines under his charge to establish, stock and secure an Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) for both the ACE and BLT. GySgt Kuietauskas and his Marines established and manned fighting positions for the ASP, while simultaneously supporting H-1 aircraft in support of combat operations. He also assisted with the troubleshooting of U.S. Army, British and Special Forces aircraft. His efforts ensured the destruction of over 400 enemy personnel by facilitating the delivery of more than 45 precision guided munitions, 650 rockets, 5,000 rounds of 20mm, and 60,000 crew-served weapon rounds by the H-1 aircraft. GySgt Kuietauskas' professionalism, esprit de corps 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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