

# MARINE TILTROTOR SQUADRON OF THE YEAR



## THE FRED McCORKLE AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Honor of  
LtGen Fred McCorkle, Whose  
Leadership and Dedication Contributed  
to the Success of the V-22 Program.

In Recognition of  
The Most Outstanding Tiltrotor Squadron  
in Marine Aviation.

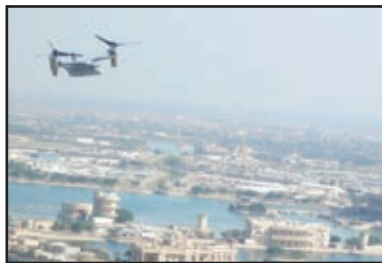


BELL BOEING TEAM



2008 VMM-263

## VMM-266



## Award Citation

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 266 provided meritorious service in support of II MEF from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009. The Fighting Griffins of VMM-266 set the standard for others to emulate by providing assault support to both the Fleet Marine Force while in CONUS and to Multi-National Coalition Forces while deployed to Iraq. From flawless execution of pre-deployment training, evaluation and certification during Desert Talon 2-08, to the successful execution of sustained combat operations in Al Asad, Iraq, VMM-266 raised the bar for Marine aviation. Through diligence, perseverance and an ardent willingness to support, VMM-266 successfully produced the highest number of MV-22B flight hours this reporting period. During OIF, this effort resulted in the safe completion of over 2,366 sorties and over 3,550 mishap-free flight hours while safely transporting over 17,599 assault support request passengers and over 553,661 pounds of cargo. The squadron's extensive contributions have significantly enhanced the war fighting capability of the individual Marine and the MAGTF, and have made tiltrotor aviation a fully integrated reality for the United States Marine Corps. VMM-266 has upheld the highest standards of Marine aviation and the United States Naval Service.



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