

# THE MARINE AVIATION SAFETY AWARD



## THE PETE ROSS SAFETY AWARD

Presented by THE MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSOCIATION to

Established in Memory of  
1st Lt Joseph "Pete" Ross who Died  
While Engaged in Aerial Flight  
During an Active Reserve Drill  
at NAS Glenview.

In Recognition of the Marine  
Aviation Unit Compiling the Best  
Safety Record Over the Past Year.

### HMM-161



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| 2008 HMLA-369 | 1993 VMFT-401 |
| 2007 HMLA-775 | 1992 VMFA-134 |
| 2006 HMLA-369 | 1991 VMFA-134 |
| 2005 VMA-223  | 1990 VMAQ-4   |
| 2004 HMLA-369 | 1989 VMAQ-4   |
| 2003 HMM-261  | 1988 VMA-142  |
| 2002 VMFA-232 | 1987 VMA-322  |
| 2001 HMM-769  | 1986 VMA-142  |
| 2000 VMFA-112 | 1985 VMFA-122 |
| 1999 HMLA-775 | 1984 VMFA-112 |
| 1998 HMM-769  | 1983 VMA-124  |
| 1997 HMLA-773 | 1982 VMFA-321 |
| 1996 HMM-764  | 1981 VMA-124  |
| 1995 HMM-764  | 1980 VMFA-112 |
| 1994 VMFA-134 |               |



### Award Citation

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161 for meritorious service, professional achievement and superior performance from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009. Whether conducting training at home or participating in sustained combat operations, the Greyhawks were able to achieve an exceptional readiness rate while maintaining their outstanding safety record. Through operational risk management training and proactive safety policies, the Greyhawks enhanced their operational effectiveness by preserving their most precious assets: Marines and sailors. The squadron was successful in integrating safety measures into every stage of daily operations, from maintenance to flight planning. As a result of innovative safety programs, HMM-161 achieved 100 percent mission success flying 5,961 hours at home and in combat while surpassing 14 years of Class A mishap-free flying and 66,252 mishap-free flight hours. The Greyhawks' stellar reputation for professionalism and safety was recognized through their seventh consecutive Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award. Their unrelenting determination, perseverance, and steadfast devotion to duty reflected great credit upon them and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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