

MARINE AVIATOR OF THE YEAR



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Alfred A. Cunningham,
the First Marine Aviator,
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The Most Outstanding
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Whether in Combat, Research and
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or to Overall Marine Aviation, by an
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**MAJOR
SCOTT W. WADLE**



Award Citation

Major Scott Wadle made outstanding contributions to Marine Corps aviation as Assistant Operations Officer, HMM-264(Reinforced), Operations Officer HMM-462 and Executive Officer HMM-466, from May 2008 to April 2009. During pre-deployment work-up training, Maj Wadle's leadership and tactical expertise proved instrumental to the success of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Aviation Combat Element. Once deployed, he led four CH-53Es and 55 Marines from the Mediterranean Sea through Israel and Jordan, into Al Asad, Iraq. Once established ashore, his keen intellect provided the necessary vision, guidance and direction in leading his detachment during combat operations in Iraq. During a period of extremely high operational tempo, his sage mentorship and determined leadership were directly responsible for the superb performance and combat effectiveness of a detachment that was part of three separate squadrons in one year. As a flight leader, his superior aviation and planning skills were instrumental to the successful execution of numerous classified missions throughout Al Anbar and Ninewa provinces in Iraq. His guidance was critical in the execution of 2,866 flight hours, movement of 12,600 passengers and 2.4 million pounds of cargo over a five month period. Maj Wadle's exceptional professionalism, personal initiative and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.



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