



**Sergeant
Joseph J. McDonnell**

HMH-462, MAG-16,
3D MAW

MARINE AVIATION NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER LEADERSHIP

For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as CH-53E Airframes Division Non-commissioned Officer-in-Charge and Collateral Duty Inspector, HMH-462, MAG-16, 3D MAW, from 1 January to 31 December 2019. His hard work, leadership, and dedication to his Marines and the squadron's mission left a lasting and positive impact on Marine aviation. His "Ductus Exemplo" attitude pushed other Marines to excel in all areas during the squadron's deployment to Okinawa and his direct mentorship of the Airframes Marines led to 1,072 training sign-offs. As a technical expert, he inspected over 354 maintenance action forms—accumulating over 1,500 maintenance man-hours and provided crucial training and experience for the Marines in the Airframes Division. As a result, the squadron flew over 2,600 flight hours, transported over 1,100 personnel, and moved over 500,000 pounds of cargo throughout the year. Sergeant McDonnell's hard work, professionalism, and total dedication to duty reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

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