

MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON OF THE YEAR

For meritorious service, professional achievement, and superior performance from 1 January to 31 December 2020. The dedication of the “Greyhawks” of VMM-161 enabled them to support several large-scale, high visibility operations, such as the rapid response United States Embassy reinforcement in Baghdad and joint exercises with allied Middle-Eastern countries while continuing to provide reliable and expeditious assault support despite the COVID-19 Pandemic. Simultaneously, VMM-161 sustained high aircraft readiness levels and balanced a rigorous squadron training plan: flying 2,387 sorties spanning 2,795 flight hours during the year, and delivering 559,160 pounds of cargo and 4,449 personnel during deployment. This superior performance among the Fleet Marine Force has made VMM-161 an invaluable asset to Marine Corps aviation, resulting in the Greyhawks developing a reputation of being ready and capable to execute any assigned mission. With their outstanding leadership and coordination of effort across the squadron, the Greyhawks of VMM-161 reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.



VMM-161

MAG-16, 3D MAW



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