



**Staff Sergeant
John P. Lukasiewicz**

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For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties as special purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response Central Command Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems (C-UAS) Detachment Staff Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge from 1 January to 31 December 2020. During his deployment to Central Command, Staff Sergeant Lukasiewicz and his Marines established an initial C-UAS capability at a critical location. Under his expert leadership, his Marines neutralized over ten enemy drones, resulting in a noted decrease in enemy intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. Staff Sergeant Lukasiewicz also served as an ambassador for Marine Corps ground-based air defense by briefing key leaders on C-UAS capabilities and instructing over 100 joint, coalition, and host nation personnel on effective techniques for air space command and control. The procedures he established in Central Command continue to pay dividends for the detachments currently deployed there. Staff Sergeant Lukasiewicz's professionalism, initiative, and dedication to duty reflected credit on himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

