



**VMM-165**

MAG-16, 3D MAW

## SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IN MARINE AVIATION

*For meritorious service to VMM-165, MAG-16, 3D MAW, from 1 January to 31 December 2019. VMM-165 achieved record flight hours and unmatched readiness in support of Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force—Crisis Response—Central Command 19.1, including a V-22 program single-month high of 533 flight hours for combat operations. The squadron's unprecedented deployed average mission-capable aircraft rate of 74 percent was equally impressive. Due to aircraft readiness, not a single OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE combat mission was canceled. Additionally, the squadron developed and proposed a risk-mitigation policy change regarding assault support currency that was adopted by Marine Corps Forces Central Command for all rotary-wing aircraft throughout the theatre. The unwavering support to Fleet Logistics Multi-Mission Squadron 30 enabled the Navy's first CMV-22 squadron to remain on track for the type's first deployment. The professionalism and steadfast devotion to duty of VMM-165's Marines and sailors reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.*

### COMMANDANT'S AVIATION TROPHY



*Established to recognize superior performance and accomplishment of all assigned tasks by a Marine squadron.*

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