

AVIATION GROUND MARINE OF THE YEAR

For superior performance of duties as Embarkation Non-commissioned Officer for MACS-4 from 1 January to 31 December 2019. Her devotion to duty and superior initiative were instrumental in supporting aviation operations throughout the Pacific. Serving in this role, she ensured all the squadron's equipment was prepared, inspected, and deployed for eight major exercises in Japan, Republic of Korea, Kingdom of Thailand, Australia, and Republic of the Philippines. Her attention to detail ensured safe transportation for 519 personnel, weapons, and 157 pieces of equipment weighing 511 short tons across 51,997 miles. Often acting as the Logistics Chief and Embarkation Chief, she planned, coordinated, and supervised the completion of each logistical function during unit's two most extensive exercises in 2019. She contributed to the squadron's ability to deploy to multiple countries following training objectives, enabling them to remain mission capable. By her initiative, perseverance, and dedication to duty, Corporal Hernandez reflected credit upon herself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



**Corporal
Ashley M. Hernandez**

MACS-4, MACG-18,
1st MAW



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