CATEGORY: MCAA/INDIVIDUAL/ENLISTED

NAME: JEFFREY S. VOGEL AWARD

- GROUND-BASED AIR DEFENSE ENLISTED MARINE OF THE YEAR

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HISTORY: The Jeffrey S. Vogel Award is established to recognize the superior performance, professionalism, and dedication of the Marine Corps Ground-Based Air Defense (GBAD) Marine of the Year. The award honors Major Jeffrey S. Vogel, USMC, an Aviation Command and Control Officer who devoted more than four decades, both in uniform and in civil service, to sustaining and advancing Marine Corps air defense.

Through visionary leadership, institutional continuity, and unwavering advocacy, Major Vogel played a decisive role in preserving GBAD capabilities during periods of divestment and positioned the community for enduring relevance and long-term success. His efforts revitalized Marine Corps air defense, shaping integrated solutions and force structures that continue to enhance GBAD effectiveness in today’s complex and contested battlespace.

Major Vogel’s enduring impact is reflected in the strength, resilience, and future readiness of the GBAD community. This award stands as a tribute to his lifelong dedication and serves to inspire the next generation of GBAD Marines to uphold the high standards of excellence, innovation, and commitment that he exemplified throughout his remarkable career.

ELIGIBILITY: 7212 Low Altitude Air Defense Gunner, active or reserve, who served in a capacity directly supporting Marine Corps GBAD operations during the award year.

CRITERIA AND PERIOD: The recipient of this Award should demonstrate exceptional performance, leadership, and professionalism in support of GBAD operations. The Marine should embody a spirit of service and commitment to the GBAD community through operational excellence, mentorship, and a forward-looking mindset. Actions that strengthen unit readiness, improve the GBAD enterprise, and inspire others are central to this recognition. The award covers the period from 1 January through 31 December of the year immediately preceding the nomination deadline.

SELECTION/PRESENTATION: Selection made by CMC Aviation Awards Board and presented at the

annual MCAA Reunion and symposium.

NOMINATION DUE DATE: Due 15 January to CMC (ACP).