

United States Marine Corps



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was, on the 22ND day of DECEMBER, 2003,

the subject of a

MERITORIOUS MAST

conducted by the

**COMMANDING OFFICER
MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172**

for outstanding service as follows:

For outstanding performance or duty while serving as a member of the Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, during crew-served weapons training from 30 July 2003 to 1 Aug 2003. During this period you performed your duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Specifically, you quickly responded to the threat of a fast spreading fire that threatened to become an out of control conflagration because of the combination of ample amounts of dry fuel, steady wind and high temperatures at the time. As a member of the only unit capable of responding to the fire's clear and imminent danger to the immediate area, you distinguished yourself by acting decisively and with vigorous determination, using hastily gathered pioneer gear and a few fire extinguishers, you helped eliminate a direct threat to near-by Okinawan construction projects and residential areas, as well as to fellow Marines and their equipment. Your actions directly reduced the threat of injury to others and damage to vital equipment and were done safely in a situation that easily could have resulted in your injury and the injury of others. Your actions reflect well upon yourself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Marine Corps.



S. F. KIRKPATRICK
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding