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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY  
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY  
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: 2008 Secretary of Defense Field-level Maintenance Awards Selection

Annually, the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards recognize the Department of Defense's outstanding field-level military maintenance units. This year we had 23 nominations forwarded by the Services. Each nominee should be proud of their exceptional performance and contribution to our Nations defense. I am pleased to inform you of the 2008 Secretary of Defense Field-level Maintenance Award Winners.

### SMALL CATEGORY

B Company, 610<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion  
Fort Riley, Kansas  
United States Army

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312  
Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina  
United States Marine Corps

### MEDIUM CATEGORY

Fleet Readiness Center Northwest  
Whidbey Island, Washington  
United States Navy

31<sup>st</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Aviano, Italy  
United States Air Force



LARGE CATEGORY

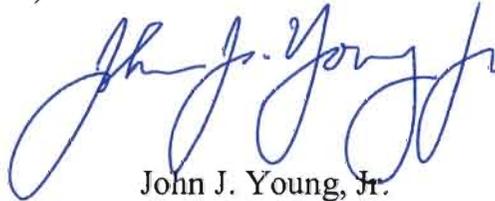
3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 43<sup>rd</sup> Air Defense Artillery  
Fort Bliss, Texas  
United States Army

1<sup>st</sup> Special Operations Maintenance Group  
Hurlburt Field, Florida  
United States Air Force

The Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Ceremony and Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, as part of the 2008 DoD Maintenance Symposium & Exhibition. One of the highlights of the awards ceremony will be the presentation of the Secretary of Defense's Phoenix Trophy. The recipient of the Phoenix Award is selected from the six Secretary of Defense Field-level Maintenance Award winners and is recognized as the "Best of the Best" maintenance unit within the Department of Defense. The Phoenix trophy is the highest award for field-level maintenance within the Department.

Please extend my sincerest congratulations on behalf of the Secretary of Defense to each of your Secretary of Defense Field-level Maintenance Award winners and to all of the nominees for their outstanding efforts.

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