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CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: 2004 Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards

Annually, the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards recognize the Department of Defense's outstanding field-level military maintenance units. I am pleased to advise you of the 2004 Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award Winners.

SMALL CATEGORY

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, California
United States Marine Corps

509th Munitions Squadron
Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri
United States Air Force

MEDIUM CATEGORY

3RD Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation)
Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea
United States Army

Combat Service Support Battalion 10
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California
United States Marine Corps



LARGE CATEGORY

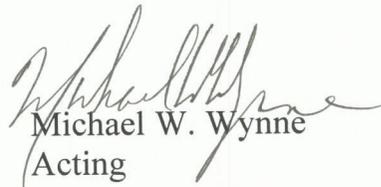
USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)
Everett, Washington
United States Navy

27th Maintenance Group
Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico
United States Air Force

The Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Ceremony and Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at the Hilton Americas - Houston, Texas as part of the 2004 DoD Maintenance Symposium & Exhibition. The highlight of the awards ceremony will be the presentation of the Secretary of Defense's Phoenix Award Trophy. The recipient of the Phoenix Award is selected from among the six Maintenance Award winners and is recognized as the "Best of the Best" maintenance unit within DoD. The Phoenix trophy is the highest award for field-level maintenance within the Department.

Please extend the sincerest congratulations of the Secretary of Defense to each of your Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award winners.

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