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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. AIR FORCE
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: 2009 Secretary of Defense Depot-level Maintenance Award Selection

I am pleased to inform you that the recipient of the 2009 Secretary of Defense Depot-level Maintenance Award, known as the Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence, is the Army's Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Program at Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas.

Annually, the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Program recognizes the most outstanding depot-level military maintenance program in the Department of Defense. This year we received 13 nominations (attached) forwarded by the Military Services. All the nominees should be proud of their exceptional performance and contribution to our Nation's defense.

The Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Ceremony and Banquet will be October 28 at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona, as part of the 2009 DoD Maintenance Symposium & Exhibition. One of the highlights of the awards ceremony will be the presentation of the Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence.

For additional information, contact Mr. Chuck Field, Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards and DoD Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition coordinator, at 703-697-9067 or chuck.field@osd.mil.

Please extend my sincerest congratulations on behalf of the Secretary of Defense to Red River Army Depot and to all of the nominees for their outstanding efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Ashton B. Carter".

Ashton B. Carter

Attachment:
As stated

2009 Secretary of Defense Depot-level Maintenance Awards

Service	Depot	Program
USMC	MCA	Mobile Maintenance Teams
USMC	MCB	Forward Presence
USAF	OO-ALC	MJ-1 and MHU-83 Bomb Lift Maintenance Repair and Overhaul
USAF	WR-ALC	402d Electronics Maintenance Group
USAF	OC-ALC	76th Aircraft Maintenance Group
USN	FRC East	AV-8 Aircraft Program
USN	FRC Southwest	E-2/C-2 Aircraft Production Line
USN	FRC Southeast	F/A-18 Center Barrel Replacement Plus (CBR +) Aircraft Program
USN	PNSY	Corrosion Control Repair Group
USN	PSNSY & IMF	Lifting and Handling Department
USA	TYAD	Communications Electronics Evaluation Repair Teams (CEER-T)
USA	LEAD	Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Program
USA	RRAD	MRAP Program