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THIRD ENDORSEMENT on

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From:

Commander, Marine Corps Bases Japan

To:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)

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2008 AMERICAN LEGION SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION ICO

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/5954 USMC

1. Forwarded with the utmost enthusiasm. Lance Corporal outstanding service to the community and corps has made her an exemplary ambassador to both the Japanese and American military

communities.

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on

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Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma From:

To:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)

Via:

(1) Commander, Marine Corps Bases Japan

(2) Commanding General, Marine Corps Forces Pacific

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on

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From: Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters

Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma

To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)

Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma

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2. A standout performer who has given selflessly to both the military and Japanese communities on Okinawa, Lance Corporal is the kind of Marine we should all seek to emulate. Her strength of character and an iron-clad work ethic make her a natural choice for this prestigious award.

D. W. BUSSEL



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### **UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA CKINAWA UNIT 35202 FPO AP 96372-5202

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From: Staff Sergeant Che T. Gonzalez 000 00 1416/5954 USMC

To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)

Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma

(2) Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma

(3) Commander, Marine Corps Bases Japan

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Nominated with enthusiasm.

T. GONZALEZ

# DATA SHEET FOR 2008 AMERICAN LEGION SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD

COLUMN 1 COLUMN 2

A. LAST NAME

B. FIRST NAME

C. MIDDLE INITIAL

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D. PRESENT PAY GRADE

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F. CURRENT DUTY STATION AND ADDRESS

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G. HOME ADDRESS

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- K. UNIT SERVING WHEN CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE

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L. UNIT POINT OF CONTACT PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS MSGT

M. STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY: LCpl will be available to attend the American Legion National Convention in Phoenix, AZ, from 24-30 August 2008.

Enclosure (1)

## Professional Biography of Lance Corporal

Lance Corporal joined the Marine Corps on 23 May 2005.

Private , a member of November Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Recruit Training Battalion, graduated from recruit training, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina in August 2005.

Shortly thereafter, Private attended Marine Combat Training (MCT) at Camp Geiger, North Carolina.

Upon completion MCT in September, 2005, Private reported to Naval Aviation Technical Training Command, Pensacola, Florida, where she received training as an Aviation Electronics Technician. Upon completion of Intermediate Level electronics training, Private First Class was designated a Communications Technician.

In November 2006, Lance Corporal reported to the Ground Electronics Maintenance Division (GEMD), Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, Japan for duty as an Air Traffic Control (ATC) Communications technician. While assigned to the GEMD, she successfully cross-trained in two additional military occupational specialties within the division: Navigational Aid System (NAVAIDS) Technician, and Meteorological Oceanographic (METOC) Technician. She also serves collaterally as both the Training and Supply Non-Commissioned Officer.

Lance Corporal is currently attending The University of Maryland working towards an Associate's Degree in General Studies.

Her awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Navy Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon and 8 Letters of Appreciation.

### Summary of Action for Lance Corporal

Lance Corporal is enthusiastically recommended for the American Legion Spirit of Service Award for her exceptional volunteer service while assigned to the Ground Electronics Maintenance Division (GEMD), Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Throughout her assignment, Lance Corporal has enthusiastically embraced her role as an American ambassador to the Japanese community and military families on Okinawa. Providing 348 hours of community service since arriving on island, Lance Corporal participate in a variety of community outreach events serve as a testimony not only to her know-how as a Marine but the breadth and depth of her character. Through her diligent efforts, Lance Corporal

has helped our Japanese hosts and forward deployed military families to experience the best that both the United States and the US Marine Corps has to offer, whether at home or abroad. Highlights of her exemplary service include:

- Okinawa Children's Development Center (CDC)

Lance Corporal participated as a volunteer at the Okinawa CDC, caring for physically and mentally handicapped children, most of whom were wheelchair bound. Lance Corporal provided top quality developmental care, improved living conditions by cleaning the facility and spreading holiday spirit, interacting and singing carols over the Christmas season. Through her efforts she helped children become enthusiastic and interactive learners, stimulating both their minds and senses.

### - Marine Corps Ball Committee

enthusiastically volunteered her time and efforts to host an impressive Marine Corps Birthday Ball celebration for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. Through a well coordinated and impressive display of pageantry, she helped the unit share with its Japanese dignitaries and Japanese Air Self Defense Force guests a powerful example of Marine Corps tradition and history. Lance Corporal s impeccable attention to detail, from decorations to menu selection, logistics to hospitality, program to contributions, helped

to promote good international relations and allowed all of the Birthday Ball guests to enjoy a grand evening of camaraderie.

- Marine Corps Bases Japan Women's History Month Celebration

Lance Corporal participated as an actress in an on stage performance, portraying Clara Barton and supporting a proactive movement within Marine Corps Bases Japan to recognize and celebrate the diverse and significant historical accomplishments of women at a multitude of venues.

- Marine Corps Community Services Youth and Teen Programs Black History Month Celebration

Lance Corporal : participated as and actress in an on stage performance, portraying a receptionist at an "all white" corporation which would not accept black employees. Afterwards, she helped facilitate a group discussion and educational activities that focused on the positive impact black Americans have had on our nation's history. Lance Corporal helped increase awareness to encourage students to explore the history of African Americans, learn about their struggles and celebrate their successes.

- Camp Foster Vacation Bible School

Lance Corporal volunteered at the Camp Foster Vacation Bible School, helping with skits, songs, puppet shows, and crafts that contributed to the religious education of elementary aged children throughout Okinawa.

- 1st Annual Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron MCAS Futenma Marine Corps Marathon WESTPAC

Lance Corporal : served as coordinator for the first annual Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron MCAS Futenma Marine Corps Marathon WESTPAC. An event which was designed to run in conjunction with its stateside namesake, this first of its kind event attracted over 150 military and civilian personnel either as participants or volunteers. Her diligent efforts and meticulous attention to detail resulted in a first class event enjoyed by all.

- Family Readiness Day Exposition

Lance Corporal assisted in the preparations for the Marine Corps Community Services ramily Readiness Day Exposition, which provided a unique venue for military families throughout Okinawa to learn more about the myriad of service providers stationed on the island. Throughout her selfless "behind the scenes" efforts, the military community on Okinawa improved both their own family, as well as unit readiness.

- Marine Corps Community Services and USAF 18th Services Squadron Youth Sports Programs

Lance Corporal contributed a significant amount of time and effort coaching and refereeing youth soccer for military families on Okinawa. Promoting a positive sports experience for a multitude of children at a variety of skill levels, she served as a positive role model teaching responsibility, independence and leadership.

A standout performer in the workplace, Lance Corporal tackled the challenge of successfully cross-training in two other specialties within her division over the same period. Supervising countless hours of preventative maintenance and modification on six different, highly technical ATC systems and managing the technical training of all division personnel, she contributed significantly to the successful execution of over 63,440 mishap free flight operations aboard MCAS Futenma.

Lance Corporal s dedication, versatility, and willingness to dedicate her off-duty time have contributed enormously to the military families on Okinawa as well as relationship between the Marine Corps and our Japanese hosts. Her unselfish acts and genuine willingness to

improve the quality of life of others stands as a example for others to emulate. Lance Corporal s noteworthy contributions are well deserving of the special recognition associated with the American Legion Spirit of Service Award.

# Proposed Citation for Lance Corporal :

FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN, GROUND ELECTRONICS MAINTENANCE DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, FUTENMA, MARINE CORPS BASES JAPAN, FROM NOV 2006 TO MAY 2008. DURING THIS PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL : DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM AND UNSELFISH DEVOTION IN HER ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH SPORTS, MILITARY AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. SHE VOLUNTEERED OVER 348 HOURS OF HER PERSONAL TIME TO A MULTITUDE OF WORTHWHILE ORGANIZATIONS. AN EXCEPTIONAL ROLE MODEL, HER NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS PERSONIFY THE CORPS' VALUES OF HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT. HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND CORPS HAS MADE HER AN EXEMPLARY AMBASSADOR TO BOTH THE JAPANESE AND AMERICAN MILITARY COMMUNITIES. LANCE CORPORAL FROST'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HERSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



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From: Lance Corporal

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To:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)

Subj: AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF INFORMATION

1. I, LCpl do hereby authorize the release of all information enclosed in this nomination package to those persons involved in the selection process.

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