

United States Marine Corps



Certificate of Commendation

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, INFANTRY TRAINING BATTALION
SCHOOL OF INFANTRY
CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

takes pleasure in commending

LANCE CORPORAL NATHAN J. KARASCH
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE ASSIGNED AS A STUDENT IN COMPANY A, INFANTRY TRAINING BATTALION, SCHOOL OF INFANTRY, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA FROM 11 JUNE 2009 TO 14 AUGUST 2009. DURING THIS PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL KARASCH DISPLAYED A LEVEL OF TACTICAL EXPERTISE SELDOM SEEN IN A MARINE OF HIS GRADE AND EXPERIENCE. AS A RESULT OF LANCE CORPORAL KARASCH'S PERFORMANCE AND PROFESSIONALISM, HE WAS SELECTED AS THE 0311 INFANTRY RIFLEMAN HONOR GRADUATE FOR COMPANY A. LANCE CORPORAL KARASCH'S PERFORMANCE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF INFANTRY TRAINING BATTALION AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

14 AUGUST 2009

Date

S. P. A. _____

S. P. ARMES
LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING

United States Marine Corps



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Commanding Officer
Battalion Landing Team 1/7

takes pleasure in commending

Lance Corporal Nathan J. Karasch
United States Marine Corps

for

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AS RADIO OPERATOR, SECOND PLATOON, COMPANY C, BATTALION LANDING TEAM 1/7, 31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, U.S. MARINE FORCES, PACIFIC FROM 15 JULY 2010 TO 15 NOVEMBER 2010. DURING THIS PERIOD, LANCE CORPORAL KARASCH PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN AN EXEMPLARY AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER DURING THE CONDUCT OF TEN TRAINING EVENTS IN THE PRE-DEPLOYMENT WORKUP AND FIVE DEPLOYED TRAINING EVENTS. HE ALSO ASSISTED IN THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF 50,000 POUNDS OF RICE AND WATER AT TWO VILLAGES IN SUPPORT OF HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS AFTER THE TYPHOON HIT THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE PHILIPPINES. DURING THESE EVENTS, LANCE CORPORAL KARASCH'S EXCEPTIONAL LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND OF COMMAND AND CONTROL DROVE HIS FLAWLESS PERFORMANCE AS RADIO OPERATOR, ALLOWING A SEAMLESS CONNECTION TO HIGHER AND ADJACENT UNITS. LANCE CORPORAL KARASCH'S OUTSTANDING MOTIVATION AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL TRADITIONS.

9 DECEMBER 2010

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T.P. Simmons", is written over a horizontal line.

T.P. SIMMONS
LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING

United States Marine Corps



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COMMANDING OFFICER
1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINES

takes pleasure in commending

CORPORAL NATHAN J. KARASCH
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS COMPANY POLICE SERGEANT AND COMPANY LEVEL INTELLIGENCE CELL NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA FROM 9 JANUARY 2012 TO 16 FEBRUARY 2012. DURING THIS TIME CORPORAL KARASCH WAS A VITAL LINK IN PLANNING, PREPARING, AND EXECUTING THE COMPANY LOGISTICS PLAN ENSURING ITS SUCCESS DURING ENHANCED MOJAVE VIPER 3-12. CORPORAL KARASCH'S RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF SUCCESS ALLOWED HIS COMPANY TO EXECUTE A RIGOROUS TRAINING PLAN WITH MINIMAL NEED FOR OUTSIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. CORPORAL KARASCH SIMULTANEOUSLY LED A SIX MAN INTELLIGENCE CELL THAT COLLECTED, ANALYZED, AND PROSECUTED SEVERAL SIMULATED ENEMY COMBATANTS LEADING TO THE COMPANY'S HIGHEST OVERALL CLIC RATING WITHIN THE BATTALION. CORPORAL KARASCH'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE A DETAILED AND ACCURATE LOGISTICS PICTURE TO HIS COMPANY STAFF WHILE CONCURRENTLY LEADING ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPANY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS WITH SUCH PRECISION IS A TRUE REFLECTION OF HIS CHARACTER AND WORK ETHIC. CORPORAL KARASCH'S SELFLESS DEDICATION, ATTENTION TO DUTY, AND ESPRIT DE CORPS REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS.

19 MARCH 2012

Date

D. P. BRADNEY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING OFFICER
1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINES

United States Marine Corps



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COMMANDING OFFICER, REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 6

takes pleasure in commending

CORPORAL NATHAN J. KARASCH XXX XX [REDACTED]/0311 USMC

for

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES AS INTELLIGENCE ANALYST, COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINES, REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 6, FROM 21 JULY TO 23 JULY 2012 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. DURING THIS TIME CORPORAL KARASCH DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF FOR HIS INGENUITY BY PROVIDING EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS. UPON RECEIVING A REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE TASK FORCE LEATHERNECK PLANNING EFFORTS TO TRANSFER FORWARD OPERATING BASE NOLAY, HE INTEGRATED PHOTOGRAPHS AND DEVELOPED A PLANNING PRODUCT THAT WAS OF SUCH HIGH QUALITY THAT IT BECAME THE STANDARD FOR BASE REALIGNMENT PACKAGES. ALONG WITH HIS INTELLIGENCE CELL TEAM, HE COMPLETED THIS COMPLICATED TASK WITH PROFESSIONALISM WELL UNDER THE REQUESTED DEADLINE. HIS ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND COMMITMENT ENSURED SUCCESSFUL PLANNING EFFORTS TO THE ENTIRE AREA OF OPERATIONS. CORPORAL KARASCH'S OUTSTANDING MOTIVATION AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS

5 AUGUST 2012

Date

**J. R. SHAFER
COLONEL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING**