

2016 HFD COMMANDER'S AWARD RECIPIENT UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



Corporal Matthew Reed

Corporal Mathew Reed enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 2010. He graduated from Recruit Training at Marine Corps Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, from Platoon 2075, Fox Company, and 2nd Training Battalion. Upon his graduation, Corporal Reed attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina then attended the Marine Corps Cannon Crewman Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Corporal Reed is currently assigned to India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment 4th Marine Division in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

While serving as the Assistant Section Chief, Howitzer Section One Battery I 3d Battalion 14th Marines, 4th, Corporal Reed consistently displayed unyielding dedication to his duties. In 2015, Corporal Reed assisted his Section Chief in executing several fire missions in support of Annual Training Exercise African Lion in the Kingdom of Morocco. During this time Corporal Reed displayed diplomatic courtesies while he educated Moroccan Soldiers about the M777 Howitzer. He has set himself apart from his peers by exhibiting superior leadership skills in assisting his Section Chief in the duties of emplacing, firing and displacement of the Howitzer. For the past year, Corporal Reed has served as Assistant Section Chief for his Howitzer Gun Section; a position normally reserved for higher ranking Marines.

Corporal Reed has and continues to educate his junior Marines in his section by giving classes on duties of the cannoneer and periods of instruction on crew serve weapons and emplacement of crew serve weapons. In March of 2016, Corporal Reed participated in Annual Training Exercise Saipan Rain where he was responsible for the safe, accurate, and timely firing of hundreds of artillery rounds. As the Battery Guide for over two years, Corporal Reed exemplified the qualities necessary to represent an entire artillery battery. Corporal Reed has shown superior initiative by volunteering for collateral duties including assisting his Section Chief in gathering time sensitive critical information. He has volunteered his time to assist the Battery Gunnery Sergeant in transporting Howitzers from Fort Dix Joint Base to accomplish a critical mission.

Corporal Reed has also volunteered his time for various community related events to benefit servicemen and women who have physical limitations. In his civilian career, Corporal Reed Works in fiber optics but has aspirations of being an entrepreneur. Additionally, he has volunteered for various community related events to benefit servicemen and women including: the Wounded Warriors Bike Race, Veterans Day Block Salute to the Troops, various Toys for Tot Events, and performing military funeral honors. Corporal Reed is constantly looking for opportunities to advance, but always takes the time to help others. Growing from Private First Class to the Battery Guide; Corporal Reed has inspired all those who serve with him.