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### **MCA Hosts Marine Corps Ground Awards Dinner**

**Marine Corps Base Quantico** – Quantico, Virginia – The Marine Corps Association and Headquarters Marine Corps, Plans, Policies, and Operations Department will co-host the annual Ground Awards Dinner. The purpose of the event is to provide a professional forum for addressing issues pertaining to the headquarters, ground and combat service support elements of the Marine air-ground task force. Additionally, the forum serves to recognize the achievements of the Marines of the Year from each of the 4 Marine Divisions and to award the annual Leftwich Trophy to the Marine Captain from the ground combat arms community, who most demonstrates ideals of courage, resourcefulness, perseverance and leadership.

The prestigious Leftwich Trophy award is provided through a foundation established by H. Ross Perot, a U.S. Naval Academy roommate of Lt. Col. William Leftwich for whom the award is named. For the first time in the 27-year history of the award, this year's award will be the first ever awarded posthumously. This year's recipient is Captain John W. Maloney who died in combat operations in Iraq while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. To mark the event, Mr. Perot will be in attendance and the recipient of last year's award will escort the widow of Captain Maloney.

The MCA appreciates its event and award sponsors, led by Battelle, Marine Federal Credit Union, General Dynamics and ITT. Other major sponsors include General Dynamics C4 Systems, EDS, MIC Industries, Pioneer Services, Sikorsky and Armor Holdings.

Guest Speaker: General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps

When: Thursday, 21 September 2006 (1800-2100)

Where: Crystal Gateway Marriott  
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, Virginia 22202 USA  
Phone: 1-703-920-3230

Costs: \$30.00 MCA Members  
\$40.00 Non-MCA Members

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