

## Information Enlisted Marine of the Year Award 2022

# Corporal Adriel M. Phouthaphone

Sergeant Phouthaphone was born in Holland, Michigan on 1 March 1997. He graduated from West Ottawa High School in Holland, Michigan in 2015. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2018.

In December 2018, he attended Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island, South Carolina, with the 3rd Battalion, Fox Company. He graduated recruit training in April 2019 as a Private First Class (PFC) and reported to Marine Combat Training (MCT) at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. Upon completion of MCT, PFC Phouthaphone attended Joint Cyber Analysis Course (JCAC) on Corry Station, Pensacola, Florida for entry level Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training. In January 2020 he was promoted to Lance Corporal, graduated JCAC, and reported to his secondary schoolhouse on Fort Gordon, Georgia, for the Common Cyber Technical Course (CTCC). In August 2020, Lance Corporal Phouthaphone graduated from CTCC and earned the MOS of 1721, Defensive Cyberspace Operator.

In September 2020, Lance Corporal Phouthaphone reported to 7th Communications Battalion (7th Comm Bn), Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, and was assigned to the Defensive Cyber Operations - Internal Defensive Measurement (DCO-IDM) Company as a Defensive Cyberspace Operator. In October 2020, he was promoted to Corporal and was given Temporary Assigned Duty (TAD) orders to Marine Corps Installations Pacific (MCIPAC) G6 on Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan., and tasked with the development of the 3rd Network Battalion. In September 2021 Corporal Phouthaphone returned to 7th Comm Bn and assumed the billet of the Fire Warden and Safety Representative for DCO-IDM Company.

In April 2022, Corporal Phouthaphone was given TAD orders to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (31st MEU) Command Element as a Cyberspace Warfare Operator. In June 2022, he deployed on the 22.2 patrol aboard the USS Tripoli, where he participated in Kamandag 22, collaborating with the Armed Forces of the Philippines. In January 2023, he deployed on the 23.1 patrol aboard the USS America, where he participated in Iron Fist, collaborating with the Japanese Self-Defense Force. In February 2023, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and continues to serve as a Cyberspace Warfare Operator with the 31st MEU.

Sergeant Phouthaphone's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon x 2, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

