**Award: Change Maker of the Year**

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**Justification for Nomination:**
Marcus Lee has dramatically improved the quality of life for families aboard Camp Lejeune by launching the “Meals for Marines” initiative. Recognizing that many families face financial or logistical challenges when their Marines are deployed, Marcus worked with base leadership, local businesses, and volunteers to establish a program providing hot, nutritious meals twice a week at no cost.

This initiative began six months ago, and in that time, over 300 families have benefitted. Marcus secured discounted food from local grocers, coordinated rotating volunteer cooking crews, and helped streamline meal distribution through a simple online sign-up. The result is a sustainable, community-powered program that directly addresses a pressing need.

Marcus’s approach—identifying a gap, creating a workable plan, and executing it in partnership with the community—exemplifies true change-making. His ongoing commitment to sustaining and expanding “Meals for Marines” will leave a lasting impact and serve as a model for innovative, results-oriented community support.