



COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the LEGION OF MERIT to

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL M. SCHIMPF
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Staff Judge Advocate, Marine Corps Installations Command, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps from October 2011 to January 2013. During this period, Lieutenant Colonel Schimpf's considerable accomplishments reflected his vast experience, considerable judgment, and tremendous expertise as a judge advocate. Acting as the trusted legal advisor to the Commander Marine Corps Installations Command/Commanding General Marine Corps National Capital Region Command, he displayed astute vision, prescient administrative planning, and superb leadership and managerial skills as the plank-holder Staff Judge Advocate. Lieutenant Colonel Schimpf established the practices, procedures, methodology and structure to necessary to operate the legal section in support of the newly created Marine Corps Installations Command and Marine Corps National Capital Region Command. He consistently provided concise, well-researched, and sage advice on a wide array and significant number of legal issues including military justice, ethics, installation, fiscal, civil, and administrative law that affected the entire command. Through superb legal acumen, and exceptional devotion to duty, he ably assisted the Commander and staff to effectively accomplish their myriad missions around the globe. His superior performance of duty during this tour is the hallmark of a career devoted to accomplishing broad and diverse tasks in combat and peace, highlighting the culmination of 20 years of honorable and dedicated Marine Corps Service. By his dynamic direction, keen judgment, and loyal devotion to duty, Lieutenant Colonel Schimpf reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



For the President

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