## STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S MILITARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROCKY CHÁVEZ, CHAIR



July 10, 2018

Colonel Jason G. Woodworth Commanding Officer Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar

## Dear Colonel Woodworth:

On behalf of the California Governor's Military Council, we want to congratulate you and your command team on its selection as the U.S. Marine Corps 2018 Commander-in-Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. MCAS Miramar has demonstrated excellence in accomplishing the mission, promoting military readiness, and supporting the warfighter. Beyond this, you have shown a commitment to improving the quality of life for your Marines, civilian employees and their families, both on and off base.

MCAS Miramar is truly a jewel among California's military installations. Your innovations in energy resilience and integration of renewables into your energy portfolio are second to none. The operations at Miramar are also a case study in installation-state relationships. Your partnership with the California Energy Commission on Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) funding for six electric vans, bi-directional charging stations, and research for your vehicle-to-grid pilot program is pushing the body of research on energy storage forward, to the benefit of the U.S. Military and the State of California. Additionally, the Council looks forward to the informative results of your installation-wide microgrid project and its implications on energy assurance for military bases across the state, and the nation.

Beyond your work behind the fence line, MCAS Miramar is a vital partner to the greater San Diego community. The region benefits economically and culturally from Miramar's 9,300 Sailors and Marines and their families. Miramar's military spouses contribute to the local labor market, and fill critical needs in the community. Miramar's 17,000 dependents bolster the attendance at local schools. Miramar also serves as an important local partner in emergency services, and assists in the training of San Diego County Sheriff Deputies and local law enforcement.

We are grateful to you and your Marines for your service and dedication to this state and our nation. Congratulations again on receiving the highest honor from the Department of Defense, and keep up the mission-based excellence that you have so clearly demonstrated.

Sincerely,

Colonel Rocky Chávez, USMC, Retired Chair, Governor's Military Council Assemblymember, CA-76

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