

The Retirement of 1st Sergeant Marshall I. Franklin



USMC 4th LAR ECO Company

I am proud to announce the retirement of 1st Sergeant Marshall I. Franklin, after a long and distinguished career with the United States Marine Corps. I have followed Marshall from the beginning of his service to the end and there are many words that come to mind, but exemplary, dedicated and honorable are the first.

Please join me in giving Marshall a loud hoo-rah, well done and a big thank you, for not just what he has done for us but for what his men do for us on a daily basis. Many thanks Marshall, for putting your life on the line, sacrifice to your family, your undying dedication. Congratulations on your well deserved retirement.

Gregory F. Krug

On Saturday May 17th, in front of his platoon USMC 4th LAR ECO Company, family, honor guard and distinguished guests, 1st Sergeant Marshall I. Franklin retired from the United States Marine Corps. This momentous occasion was held in Syracuse NY, where Marshall has been stationed since achieving the rank of 1st Sergeant. During the ceremony, 1st Sergeant Franklin received the Meritorious Service Medal for his 22 years of service. During his time in the Marines, Marshall served in: WEST PAC Tour, Operation Team Spirit, Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm in 1991 where he served with SCOUT Section with first tank battalion tow-guns. In 1995 he answered the call by the Corps and became an Air Traffic Controller. He was then stationed on active Duty with McGuire AFB, and then at the Willow Grove NAS where he specialized in setting up air traffic control systems in non traditional airfields. Also while at Willow Grove, Marshall ran a detachment of a Texas based USMC unit. Marshall was then promoted to 1st Sergeant and was stationed in Syracuse, NY for the remaining time of his enlistment.

Marshall indeed served his Country with honor and dedication and was awarded the following during his enlistment: Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (twice), Navy Commendation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), amongst others.

Being an active member in our Country's Armed Forces is not easy for a family. Through his enlistment, Denise, Jake & Rebecca have been right there with him. One thing always heard from Marshall is that he could not have done everything he has accomplished without the support of LAMPIRE.

Congratulations Marshall on your achievements with the United States Marine Corps. Thank you again for your time, efforts and willingness to help protect us and the Country we love. God Bless you and your family, the United States Marine Corps and the United States of America.

The Meritorious Service Medal was established by Executive Order 11448, 16 January 1969 as amended by Executive Order 12312, 2 July 1981. The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or to any member of the Armed Forces of a friendly foreign nation who, while serving in a noncombat area after 16 January 1969, has distinguished himself or herself by outstanding meritorious achievement or service. To justify this decoration, the acts or services rendered by an individual, regardless of grade or rate, must have been comparable to that required for the Legion of Merit but in a duty of lesser responsibility. The Meritorious Service Medal is the counterpart of the Bronze Star Medal for the recognition of meritorious non-combat service.

