

## 2017 HFD COMMANDER'S AWARD RECIPIENT UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



**Corporal James R. Snyder**

Corporal James Snyder enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in September 2013. He graduated from Recruit Training at Marine Corps Depot Parris Island, South Carolina in December 2013. Upon his graduation, Corporal Snyder attended Marine Combat Training (MCT) aboard Camp Geiger, North Carolina. Upon completion of MCT, Private Snyder reported to Fort Lee, Virginia for training as a Small Arms Repair Technician; Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 2111. Corporal Snyder is currently assigned to India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment 4th Marine Division in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Snyder has consistently displayed unyielding dedication to his duties while serving as the Small Arms Repair Technician, Battery I, 3d Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division. He has been the battery Small Arms Repair Technician for the past three years. Corporal Snyder is constantly looking for ways to enhance his knowledge of other MOS's and become more versatile within the Battery. In doing so, he completed the course work and road miles for the Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) and High Mobility Multi- Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) gaining a tactical license. This paid dividends for the battery, as he was able to support the embarkation and debarkation of all motorized assets for Annual Training 2017 aboard Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He continued to distinguish himself through his initiative, work ethic and organizational skills which have allowed him to complete quarterly SL-3 inventories annotating deficiencies in order to have missing or broken items replenished in a timely manner.

Corporal Snyder has set himself apart from his peers by exhibiting superior leadership, professionalism, dependability, maturity, and knowledge. Corporal Snyder strives to make everyone around him better. During the Battery's Physical Fitness Test, he took it upon himself to run back through the 3 mile course in order to motivate and encourage his fellow Marines.

Corporal Snyder, in his civilian career, attends Brownstown Career and Technology Center studying construction, metal working, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC). Three years of HVAC apprenticeship followed and for the last thirteen years has worked in this field earning HVAC and plumbing journeyman certifications. Additionally, he has volunteered for various community related events to benefit servicemen and women including: various Toys for Tot Events, memorial ceremonies and performing military funeral honors. Corporal Snyder is constantly looking for opportunities to advance, but always takes the time to help others. Corporal Snyder is an inspiration to all those who serve with him.