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## MHA news release

The Military Hospitality Alliance (MHA) announces the winner of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual DOD/DHS Enlisted Aide of the Year competition, which was held on November 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the USO at their annual Salute to Military Chefs dinner at the Ritz-Carlton in Crystal City, VA

### **Enlisted Aide of the Year**

**Master Sgt. Brian K. Brazil**, United States Marine Corps, won the Department of Defense/Department of Homeland Security Enlisted Aide of the Year Award for 2012. MSgt. Brazil manages the residence of LtGen Richard Tryon, the Marine Corps' Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations.

These individuals were the Enlisted Aide of the Year for their respective services and thus competed for the best in all of DOD/DHS – Air Force - **SMSgt Gregory Krems**, who works for GEN William Fraser, III, the Commander U. S. Transportation Command; Army - **Sgt Matthew Flemister**, who works for LTG Howard Bromberg, the Deputy Chief of Staff (G1) of the Army. Navy - **CSC Michael Edwards**, who works for VADM David Buss, the Commander, Naval Air Forces. Coast Guard - **FSC Andrew Donahue**, who works for RDML James Rendon, the Director, Joint Interagency Task Force West.

**MGySgt Jesus Camacho**, Chairperson of the award program, reflecting on the evening, stated, “Each year we see the best of the best competing, and this year was surely no exception. Each is highly skilled in culinary arts and household management, and each is deserving to win. Their mission is to allow their boss to focus their limited time on their core military mission and not have to worry about their uniforms, hosting of dignitaries and upkeep on what are typically very large and old homes. This puts a lot of pressure on the aides, and each is equal to that task every day. We help to make our boss’s life more productive and a little less stressful.” MGySgt Camacho is the program manager for the Marine Aide Program.

The award is sponsored by the Military Hospitality Alliance, a professional association of hospitality specialists and civilians who support them. MSgt Brazil received \$1000 cash, and each of the other finalists received \$500 from MHA and a chef jacket from Chef Works.

Founded by Ed Manley, in 2002, the Military Hospitality Alliance (MHA) also sponsors the Military Culinary Competition, held annually outside Marine Barracks, in Washington, DC. The 9<sup>th</sup> competition was won in September by the United States Army. TSgt Rhod Nuval, U. S. Air Force, is the President of the MHA.