**LOGISTICS MAJOR MICHAEL WHITAKER AWARD**

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| From: | I .M. Officer CAPT  Unit |  |  |
| To: | AMCL Awards Committee | | |
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| Subj: | NOMINATION OF <Insert Name> FOR THE <Insert Award Name> | | |

1. This award is named in honor of Major Michael Gerrod Whitaker, USMC (November 4, 1987 to December 24, 2023). As part of his distinguished career as a Logistics Officer, which included two combat tours to Afghanistan, Major Whitaker dedicated himself to leading and supporting Marines. After the completion of his combat tours, Major Whitaker was selected to attend the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey California. As a direct result of his research on Conditions Based Maintenance, he was hand selected to solve the Marine Corps’ most challenging logistics problems at Headquarters Marine Corps. His Master’s Thesis work on Conditions Based Maintenance led to a significant effort by the Marine Corps to dramatically advance the Service’s approach to autonomous, predictive Maintenance. During his tour at the Pentagon, Major Whitaker passed away on December 24, 2023, following a courageous, year-long battle with an aggressive form of lymphoma.

2. What is the military logistics problem that is being solved? How does the author apply data driven solutions to solve this problem? Describe the benefits if the idea is fully implemented.

**Topics of consideration for nomination:**

1. The Marine Corps and its myriad of logistics systems contain a treasure trove of data that is waiting to be exploited to solve existing problems. How does the proposed solution use the data that is resident in Marine Corps Logistics systems to provide new insights?
2. Can the solution described be replicated? What type of systems are required to implement this idea?
3. What other applications could this have?
4. What impact can this proposal have to the service or to the Joint Force?

Please contact me (or my representative) at (XXX) XXX-XXXX, email [i.am.O6@service.mil](mailto:i.am.O6@service.mil) for any questions regarding this nomination.

Respectfully,

Nominator

***Nomination packages should include:*** *- Cover letter containing name (or team) submitting idea, assigned unit or company, phone number, and email.*

*-Two to three page description describing the idea and its potential impact to the service or unit if implemented.*

*-Nominee’s personal biography (limited to one page. This will only be used for the purpose of announcing the selected winner via the Public Affairs committee and will not be utilized for award evaluation).   
-Most recent official service photo in uniform, civilians in professional attire. (high definition headshot is preferred; photo will not be utilized in award evaluation process nor seen by the awards panel and is solely for the purpose of announcing the selected winner via the Public Affairs committee)*