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2008-02 MIRAMAR AIR SHOW:

MCAS Miramar Wins “World’s Best Military Air Show” Award for 2007

MCAS MIRAMAR, San Diego (Dec 17, 2007) - Marine Corps Air Station Miramar was awarded the Dick Schram Memorial Community Relations Award for the “Worlds Best Military Air Show” at the 2007 International Council of Air Shows Convention last week in Las Vegas.

The Dick Schram Memorial Community Relations Award is presented each year to the military base which, in planning and implementing its air show or air event, not only exhibits traditional community relations as it considers the needs of its civilian neighbors, but sets new standards of excellence in this area by including its community in the planning, execution and rewards of the event.

“The air show is our way of thanking the San Diego community for their fantastic support of Marines and Sailors throughout the entire year. We are deeply honored to receive this prestigious award. The award reflects the tremendous work done by MCAS Miramar’s Marines, Sailors, and Civilian Marines in putting on the largest, and now the best, air show in the country,” said Col Chris O’Connor, MCAS Miramar’s commanding officer.

This is the first Dick Schram award for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and the first for a Marine Corps Air Station since the award was given to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, CA in 1994.

The award, presented Thursday evening, was accepted by representatives of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, including the Commanding Officer, Col. Christopher O’Connor, and the Director of Marine Corps Community Services, Mr. Rick Soule.

The award is named after Commander Dick Schram, a former Blue Angel and a second generation Naval officer. He was the son of the late Captain Dick Schram, known nationwide as the “Flying Professor” who thrilled air show audiences for more than 20 years.

During the ICAS Convention, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar also learned that the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels, will be back at Miramar for the 2008 MCAS Miramar Air Show, which will take place October 3, 4, and 5th.

“We are extremely excited to begin our new season and represent the Navy and Marine Corps team with a safe and exciting show for 2008,” said Cmdr. Kevin Mannix, the squadron’s commanding officer.

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Col. Christopher E. O'Connor, commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and Rick W. Soule director of Marine Corps Community Services Miramar, along with other air station representatives received an award for the 2007 MCAS Miramar Air Show. The award, the Dick Schram Memorial Community Relations Award for the "World's Best Military Air Show" was given to the stations leaders at the 2007 International Council of Air Shows Convention in Las Vegas, Dec. 13, 2007.

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