



Malcolm Baldrige
National
Quality
Award
2007 Award
Recipient

Craig R. LaMudge
MSgt (USAF Ret)

2012 NDIA
Hathcock Honoree



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"Craig R. LaMudge, MSgt, USAF (Ret), Author, Trainer, Instructor, Sniper, Coach, Operator, Maintainer, Range Designer, Inspector, Troubleshooter, Expert Marksman, HQ USAF Marksmanship Team Competitor, USAF Joint Service Small Arms Service Representative, USAF Joint Service Small Arms Requirement Integration Principal Member, Gun Guru, Gun Smith, Armorer, USAF Service Requirement Developer, USAF Service Doctrine Developer, Combat Weapons Program Manager, Technical Advisor, Security Forces, Mentor, NCOIC Combat Arms Training, Emergency Services Team Leader."



Relevance to the Hathcock Award

Superior performance of duties in an operational environment or the development of tactics or training.

Significant contributions in operational employment and tactics of small arms weapons systems which have impacted on the readiness and capabilities of the United States military or law enforcement.

How does MSgt (ret) LaMudge measure up against the Hathcock qualifications?

Development of Tactics or Training:

Selected as one of only three USAF Air Force Specialty Forces Managers, **MSgt LaMudge represented the entire Service** - 400K USAF personnel at over 200 locations worldwide

Standard duty, for Craig, included **training over 80,000 personnel** in the characteristics, operation, care and cleaning and employment of any assigned small arms. This included qualification training, courses in **Basic Training, advanced operator course** and those that fell into formal technical schools around the AF.

He was responsible to train base personnel on the **use and employment of Night Vision Devices**, optics and sighting, infrared and visible target designators and illuminators and range finders.

His career culminated in being chosen to fill the position as Force Protection Integrated Support Team (FIST) member, Combat Arms. He would **assist fielded units or ad hoc missions** by performing support, training or augmentation worldwide in response to higher headquarters taskings.



Development of Tactics or Training: Some Specific Examples

Handgun (M15 Stress-fire, M9 Specialized Pistol Course and low-light Course)

Rifle (SAC/ACC Contingency Rifle Course, SAC Specialized Rifle Course, Designated Marksman Course)

Carbine (M4 Tactical Rifle Course)

Heavy Weapons (Mk-19 Tactical Qualification Course, M29A1 Advanced Operators Course)

Co-authored the **M107 Special Application Scoped Rifle** and PVS-13D Thermal Night Vision training plans.

Superior Performance of Duties in Support of or in an Operational Environment

He performed duties **as Flight Chief, Shift Leader, Fire Team Leader, Squad Leader and Flight Leader** after mastering team member roles to include rifleman, Radio Operator, Designated Marksman and Grenadier.

His training was cited in **letters of appreciation and commendation** from 42nd Services Squadron, 42nd Medical Group, 42nd Dental Squadron and the local Chaplain's and Judge Advocate General's offices who were units not normally armed during the Cold War period.

Emergency Services Team (i.e. SWAT) member and leader with roles as breacher, sniper and other. He served as Gate Guard, Snowmobile Security Team and Boundary Sentry.

Led a team of personnel who were to **secure all wreckage and bodies**, manage media involvement and assist in International efforts to investigate incident and return all USAF property to home station. Craig was **singled out for outstanding performance**, cool thinking and reserved use of force during a very precarious International effort with political ramifications.

He served **on a special team dispatched to secure and control an aircraft crash site** in California which was located within a neighborhood and he handled media, resident inquiries and trespasses along with wreckage collection which ended up door to door and speaking to home owners and local police.

Superior Performance of Duties in Support of or in an Operational Environment

He **revamped the entire curriculum** for: M29A1 Mortars, Mk-19 GMG, M2 HMG, Forward Observer / Call for Fire, Squad leader tasks, Employment of Small Arms, Support of Combat Arms, and the Employment of Heavy Weapons in Defense and offense.

He **authored training plans**, maintenance plans, courses of fire and employment doctrine at three levels to be trained to **users, team leaders and command level students**.

He was **charged with training and employing OPFOR teams to test the installations capabilities** and he trained defenders to use their assigned small arms more effectively (fire discipline exercises, grazing and overhead fire use and interlocking fields of fire with mortars and Mk-19 support fire) and place weapons to be more advantageous and complement the depths of defense needed to detect and repel attackers.

He was **handpicked to be part of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's (DTRA) Joint Mighty Guardian Exercise Team** both as an evaluator and part of the Threat Mitigation Team.



Dedication to a Lifetime of Service to Country

Even after becoming disabled on duty...

He went to all parts of the AF mission and *evaluated their training and impacts to the AF Security mission and battlefield effects.*

He wrote new curricula and courses of fire for sniper and designated marksmen (Close Precision Engagement), new equipment procured and trained in the field for sniper missions, the newest night vision procured and trained for all areas and better munitions for grenadiers, riflemen, and snipers.

He was a *main contributor for the newest regulations for training* Air Force personnel in small arms use, courses of fire for all rifles, carbines, handguns and machineguns and range construction for entire USAF.

Now as a *Special Projects Officer for JSSAP, Craig harmonizes requirements among the services*, interfaces with government offices and labs and organizes efforts with industry to ensure Warfighter needs are met.

In JSSAP he is a *major contributor to the Roadmap of Small Arms Capabilities*, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Service Small Arms Requirements Integration Working Group, and contributor to the Army Small Arms Capabilities Based Analysis.





Endorsements

Mgen Hertog: Current Commander 2nd AF HQ and former Director of Security Forces

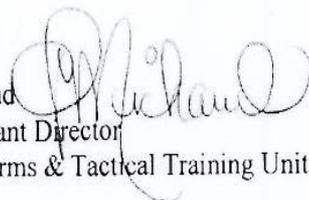
SUBJECT: Letter of Endorsement for Master Sergeant Craig R. LaMudge, USAF Retired

I support the nomination of Master Sergeant (Retired) Craig R. LaMudge for the National Defense Industrial Association Hathcock Award. Craig's achievements over the span of his Air Force career were many and remarkable. At the time of his retirement, he was one of the Air Force's premier subject matter experts on small arms and weapons training. His greatest achievement was in developing the necessary courses of fire and tactics needed to prepare our Airmen for combat. Craig is more than worthy of consideration for this award.

MARY KAY HERTOG
Major General, USAF
Commander

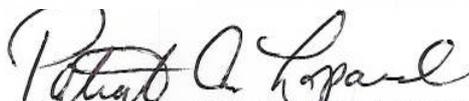
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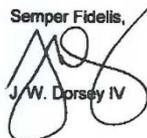
//Signed, 11 Jan 2011, jlr//
JOSPH L. ROMANO III, Colonel, USAF
 Deputy Director, AF Sensitive Activities Office

Carl J. Michaud 
 Deputy Assistant Director
 National Firearms & Tactical Training Unit



**U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement**

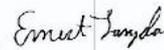

PATRICK A. LOPARDI, Col, USAF
 Chief, Programs, Requirements and Innovations Division
 HQ Air Force Security Forces Center

Semper Fidelis,

 J.W. Dorsey IV

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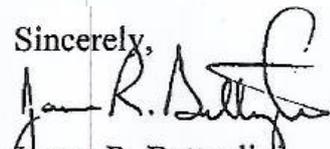
Major Joshua W Dorsey IV, USMC(Ret)
 Vice President


DOUGLAS W. MILLER, Col (ret), Civ, DAF
 DoD Military Working Dog Program Manager


Ernest Langdon
 Director of Military Sales
 ReconRobotics, Inc.

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//Signed 14 Jan 2011//
JOHN T. SALLEY JR, USAF, DAFC
 Deputy Division Chief Plans & Programs
 HAF/A7SX Security Forces

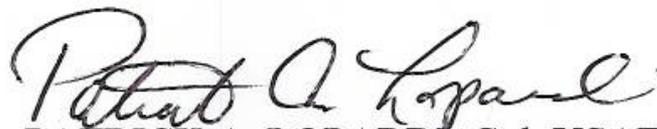
Sincerely,

James R. Battaglin
 Major General, USMC (Ret)
 Executive Vice President



The Bottom Line

Craig “has single-handedly promoted and advanced firearms training and employment to the highest levels seen to date. Whether assisting a small tactical team preparing to deploy on a special mission or authoring new guidance and policies affecting the USAF’s almost 400,000 personnel being trained in basic skills, MSgt LaMudge’s tireless efforts and ability to analyze requirements for the customer and provider have been instrumental in the USAF’s ability to provide global strike and dominate air and space...”

“ I nominated MSgt (Ret) Craig LaMudge for this prestigious Hathcock Award when he worked for me at the Air Force Security Forces Center and I believe he deserves the honor to be awarded the Hathcock Award. “



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In the quantity, quality and variety of his contributions to the US Armed Forces his contributions far exceed the requirements and spirit of the NDIA Carlos Hathcock Award.

Craig R. LaMudge MSgt (USAF Ret)

The 2012 NDIA Small Arms System Carlos Hathcock II Honoree!