



City of Bethel Proclamation

U. S. Marine Corps Sergeant Basil A. Roczicka Day

WHEREAS, Sergeant Basil A. Roczicka, United States Marine Corp, received the Gaines G. Gilbert Award for being named the Aviation Ordnance Marine of the Year at the 34th Annual Symposium of the Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA) held in Reno, Nevada on October 12-15, 2005;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Roczicka is the thirteenth Marine to receive the prestigious Gilbert Award which is one of twenty-six awards presented annually to outstanding Marines and Marine squadrons;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Roczicka's Gaines G. Gilbert award stated "throughout his leadership, expertise, and in depth knowledge of the AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopter's armament systems and naval aviation ordnance enabled the squadron to provide a high level of combat ready aircraft in Central Iraq in support of the Global War on Terror" the award also states "his unwavering work ethic and high professional skills set the standard both within the command and within his work center. His dedication to duty reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service";

WHEREAS, Sgt. Roczicka is an Alaska Native born and raised in Bethel, Alaska and enrolled with the Kwethluk Tribe, son of Mrs. & Mr. Gregory and Josephine Roczicka of Bethel, graduated Bethel High School and entered the United States Marine Corps in August of 1998.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. Thor Williams, Mayor of the City of Bethel, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2005 as Aviation Ordnance Marine of the Year, Sergeant Basil A. Roczicka Day, encouraging all citizens of Bethel to render their appreciation to Sgt. Roczicka for his bravery and dedication to the USMC and to follow his lead in supporting all the men and women who are essential to our country's security and defense.

Signed this 29th day of November, 2005.

R. Thor Williams, Mayor

Sandra Modigh, City Clerk