

Missouri Marine Earns Commendation

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A tip of the field cap to Marine Sgt. Andrew Portell, who is stationed in Bridgeton, for being awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.



The honor was bestowed Jan. 7 to recognize Portell's supervision of more than 1,000 burials in Missouri and Illinois. Portell serves as the funeral honor detail's non-commissioned officer in charge for the 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment.

"The connections that he's made, the continuity he has with the funeral homes, airport and community has made a name for him and us as a unit," said Sgt. Maj. Brian Fogarty.

Said Portell, "We stand by our Marines. The families thank us for going out of our way, but really it's just what we do."