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Corby Award

Notre Dame recognizes MCSC Commander for distinguished service

Brigadier General Michael Brogan, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC), received the Rev. William Corby Award during ceremonies in November 2009 at his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame.

Established in 1985, the award is conferred annually on an alumnus or alumna – living or deceased – who has distinguished himself or herself in military service. The award is presented in honor of Notre Dame's third president, who was a celebrated Civil War chaplain of the Union Army's famed Irish Brigade.

"It is an honor to receive the 2009 Reverend William Corby Award from the Alumni Association," Brogan said upon accepting the award. "But it is appropriate to recall the words of General (and later) President Eisenhower: Humility must always be the measure of any man who receives acclaim that was earned by the service and sacrifices of others."

The MCSC Commander cited the many people throughout the Marine Corps who contributed to the recognition. "Truly it is the effort of large numbers of young Marines, Sailors and civil servants who have earned this award," Brogan said. "I have been fortunate to have been a member of some tremendous organizations. Those units are made up of talented and dedicated servicemen, service women and, in some cases, government civilians.

"Just as important," he added, "they are supported by loving families who also serve our country through their sacrifice."

Brogan joined the Marines as a second lieutenant in 1980 after graduating from Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

"Attending Notre Dame was a childhood dream," he said. "I set my sights on going to Notre Dame, and because of a Naval ROTC [Reserve Officers' Training Corps] scholarship, I was able to attend.

“Even though I never became a practicing chemical engineer,” he said, “the technical education allowed me to understand the engineers and scientists I work with and made me far more effective as a program manager.”

By Jim Katzaman, MCSC Corporate Communications



Brigadier General Michael Brogan (right), Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, speaks with University of Notre Dame Reserve Officers' Training Corps students after he received the 2009 Reverend William Corby Award from the school's Alumni Association in November. *(Notre Dame photo)*

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