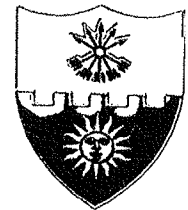




DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION, 22ND INFANTRY REGIMENT (TF REGULARS)
1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED)
KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN
APO AE 09355



REPLY TO:
ATTENTION OF:

AFYB-BCI-CO

31 December 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR National Executive Director, National Infantry Association, Fort Benning, Georgia
31905-5590

SUBJECT: Award Nomination for the Order of Saint Maurice for First Sergeant [REDACTED]


1. I, LTC [REDACTED], nominate First Sergeant [REDACTED] for induction into the Order of Saint Maurice and recognized with the Legionnaire Award. 1SG [REDACTED] has distinguished himself with exceptional service while assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized).
 - a. First Sergeant [REDACTED] was first assigned to Charlie Company, an Armor Company, on 16 August, 2009 at Fort Carson, Colorado. 1SG [REDACTED] successfully maintained accountability of over 90 Soldiers in transition from Fort Hood, Texas during the unit's relocation to Fort Carson. 1SG [REDACTED] excelled as a natural leader ensuring his company was prepared to conduct multiple RESET tasks which resulted in 100% required equipment and vehicle turn-in.
 - b. First Sergeant [REDACTED] was then assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company on 29 March, 2009. 1SG [REDACTED] positive attitude, strong dedication to duty and Soldiers, and unwavering professional competence allowed the Soldiers of HHC to confidently train on mounted and dismounted tactics, regardless of the tactical environment, with great success
 - c. In preparation for the battalion's upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 10-11, First Sergeant [REDACTED] trained the NCOs of HHC to uphold the highest standards of discipline, moral conduct, and marksmanship in order to prepare for the complex environment that his platoons would be operating in. Always the professional, his training ensured that every Soldier under his command was able to thrive under intense conditions.
 - d. First Sergeant [REDACTED] focus for the training period was his young, inexperienced Soldiers which ensured were well prepared for the conditions in combat. His mortar platoon passed the Mortar Training Evaluation Program, becoming the only mortar platoon in the brigade cross-trained on the 60mm, 81mm and 120mm mortar systems. Through his diligence, his scout platoon was selected to certify the brigade's main training event, the Platoon Live Fire exercise.
 - e. First Sergeant [REDACTED] success as an integral leader came from multiple training exercises including a rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center located at Fort Polk, Louisiana, Platoon EXEVALS during "Raider Blitz", and several additional company and platoon STX exercises. 1SG [REDACTED] took lessons learned from these exercises and altered the Company's SOPs and TTPs enhancing HHC's overall defensive and offensive capabilities.

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- f. First Sergeant [REDACTED] deployed the Headquarters and Headquarters Company to Kandahar Province, Afghanistan in August 2010 and immediately established the company as an essential lethal fighting unit with frequent dismounted patrols using every system available to secure the largest Joint Company Outpost (JCOP), which includes the Battalion TOC. 1SG [REDACTED] concern and top priority was establishing and continuously enhancing force protection capabilities for the JCOP.
 - g. First Sergeant [REDACTED]'s efforts enabled the company to establish a productive and effective professional relationship with 3rd Kandak (Battalion), 2nd Afghan National Civil Order Police Brigade co-located in Kandahar City, which produced a positive atmosphere between US Soldiers and ANCOP. Through his leadership and tutelage, 1SG [REDACTED] developed the ANCOP force protection capability ensuring that all Soldiers and ANCOP partners were well trained and proficient in their duties.
 - h. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment has excelled in all training requirements and succeeded in all assigned tasks and missions as a result of 1SG [REDACTED]'s hard work, dedication, and loyalty. 1SG [REDACTED] is an exceptional leader and is highly deserving of this prestigious award and recognition.
2. Point of contact for this memorandum is CPT [REDACTED], Battalion Adjutant, at [REDACTED] or email at [REDACTED].

Encl
Nomination Form


[REDACTED]
LTC, IN
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