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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, 9 July 1918, (amended by act of 25 July 1963) has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to:


Sergeant First Class John G. Macejunas for gallantry in action against a hostile force on 3 and 4 October 1993, during Operation UNOSOM II in Mogadishu, Somalia. Sergeant First Class Macejunas participated in a three-vehicle element assigned the mission of returning critically-injured WIA from the objective to the base. The convoy received intense fire from automatic weapons and RPG's, and several friendly casualties were taken. Throughout this engagement, Sergeant First Class Macejunas provided suppressive fires that allowed the convoy to keep moving while continuously moving to exposed positions. He returned with another convoy attempting to link up with the forces providing security at a downed helicopter. Sergeant First Class Macejunas again demonstrated total disregard for his own safety as he calmly engaged the enemy from the lead vehicle under heavy small arms and RPG fire during this action. Sergeant First Class Macejunas then volunteered to fly on a resupply mission to the crash site. His helicopter received heavy fire and friendly casualties as Sergeant First Class Macejunas, dropped off the resupply packages and then tended to the wounded on board the aircraft. He then led a force in search of a second crash site, of which was in enemy-held urban terrain and under small arms and RPG fire. Sergeant First Class Macejunas' leadership, professionalism, personal bravery, and complete disregard for his own life to save fellow comrades reflect the highest credit upon himself, his command, and the United States Army.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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