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### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, and amended 25 July 1963, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded to:

**Specialist Samuel R. Crockett** for extraordinary heroism while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States while serving as an Explosives Ordnance Disposal Technician for a Joint Task Force from 5 October 2013 to 6 October 2013 in Afghanistan. Specialist Crockett as part of a quick reaction force responded to an ongoing assault on a remote compound occupied by enemy insurgents. During the assault the enemy triggered multiple suicide explosive devices and improvised explosive devices wounding several of his fellow Soldiers. Upon arriving at the location, Specialist Crockett descended from the helicopter and immediately set about clearing a landing zone of further improvised explosive devices under brown out conditions. Having established a safe landing zone, he then worked to clear a collection point for medical personnel and a safe pathway for the casualties to move through. Fully knowing the extreme and imminent danger to himself, Specialist Crockett repeatedly moved throughout an area laden with improvised explosive devices without concern for his personal safety to recover several fallen comrades and sensitive equipment. Throughout the chaotic circumstances, he continuously traversed an ambiguous tactical situation, consistently putting himself in the most dangerous positions with the goal of effectively evacuating all of the personnel in the area. Specialist Crockett's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Joint Task Force, and the United States Army.

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