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I—DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Travis W. Atkins, Company D, 2d Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, on 1 June 2007, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry at the cost of his life in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While conducting route security in the town of Abu Samak, Iraq, Staff Sergeant Atkins apprehended and began to search a group of suspected insurgents. However, one insurgent resisted and engaged Staff Sergeant Atkins in hand-to-hand combat. As Staff Sergeant Atkins attempted to subdue the man, he realized the insurgent was attempting to trigger a suicide vest which he wore under his clothing. Despite Staff Sergeant Atkins' efforts, the insurgent finally succeeded in reaching his vest. Staff Sergeant Atkins selflessly tackled the suicide bomber, pinning him to the ground and shielding his Soldiers from the imminent explosion. In this critical and selfless act of valor in which he was mortally wounded, Staff Sergeant Atkins saved the lives of three other soldiers who were with him and gallantly gave his life for his country. Staff Sergeant Atkins' undaunted courage, warrior spirit and steadfast devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, the 2d Brigade Combat Team, and the United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Erich R. Phillips, Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment, on 22 August 2007, distinguished himself as a mortar section sergeant in combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom. Staff Sergeant Phillips' courageous leadership during an overwhelming enemy assault against the Aranas outpost was instrumental in preventing coalition forces from being overwhelmed. His quick thinking and tactical skills turned the tide of the battle and allowed American forces to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy. Once the enemy assault had been repulsed, Staff Sergeant Phillips organized the survivors and supervised the evacuation of the wounded. His high level of dedication, commitment to duty and concern for his comrades were unmatched. Staff Sergeant Phillips' actions reflect great credit upon himself, the Rock Battalion, the Bayonet Brigade Combat Team, and the United States Army.

Specialist Christopher B. Waiters, Company A, 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, on 5 April 2007, distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous conduct in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During a clearance mission, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device and began to burn with its occupants inside. Specialist Waiters, the

company's senior medic, quickly parked his Medical Evaluation Stryker in a security position and engaged two armed enemy personnel. He then dismounted alone from his vehicle and ran 80 meters through fierce small arms fire towards the flaming Bradley. Specialist Waiters then pulled out the driver and the vehicle commander, treated both, and safeguarded the casualties back to his Stryker for further treatment. At this point, Specialist Waiters learned that another Soldier was trapped inside the Bradley. Without hesitation, he sprinted back and climbed into the troop compartment. While inside, the Bradley's 25mm ammunition began exploding, forcing his exit. Again, he re-entered the vehicle and found a deceased American Soldier. He sprinted back to his Stryker to secure a body bag. Upon his return, another medic had taken charge of the scene, allowing Specialist Waiters to evacuate the two casualties in his Stryker. Specialist Waiters' personal courage, uncommon valor and selfless service directly contributed to the safety and evacuation of two wounded and the recovery of one fallen Soldier. His actions reflect distinct credit upon himself, the 20th Infantry Regiment, Multi-National Division-North, and the United States Army.

II—LEGION OF MERIT. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (**Degree of Officer**) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Major General Ahmad Sarhan A. Al-Faqih, Army of Jordan, August 2005 to August 2007. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 142-01, dated 21 May 2008.

Brigadier General Abdul Hamid Darwich, Army of Lebanon, February 2006 to August 2007. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 182-05, dated 30 June 2008.

Major General Pedro F. Gurrola, Army of Mexico, November 2005 to October 2007. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 182-03, dated 30 June 2008.

Lieutenant General Taiichi Sekiguchi, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, July 2005 to July 2007. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 182-02, dated 30 June 2008.

Major General Hiroshi Yamamoto, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, March 2006 to July 2007. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 182-04, dated 30 July 2008.

Brigadier General Young-Soo Yoon, Republic of Korea Army, January 2007 to November 2007. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 165-05, dated 2 July 2008.

III—MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL. By direction of the Secretary of Defense, under the provisions of chapter 8, DoD 1348.33-M, September 1996, the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding meritorious service is awarded to:

Brigadier General Marzouq Al-Bader, Kuwait Armed Forces, October 2002 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 142-10, dated 21 May 2008.

Brigadier General Adnan Al-Essa, Kuwait Air Force, February 2003 to April 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 142-02, dated 21 May 2008.

Brigadier General Hamed Macci Al-Galaf, Kuwait Land Forces, October 2002 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 142-04, dated 21 May 2008.

Brigadier General Abdullah Yosif Malik Al-Haid, Kuwait Armed Forces, October 2002 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 142-08, dated 21 May 2008.

Brigadier General Mohammad Al-Harabi, Kuwait Land Forces, February 2003 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 199-29, dated 17 July 2008.

Major General Saleh Mushari Ahmed Al-Humaizi, Kuwait Armed Forces, October 2002 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 182-08, dated 30 June 2008.

Brigadier General Abdullah Al-Kandari, Kuwait Armed Forces, October 2002 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 182-09, dated 30 June 2008.

Brigadier General Ahmad Baker Ahmad Al-Najar, Kuwait Air Force, October 2002 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 182-10, dated 30 June 2008.

Major General Yousef Dwaiyan Al-Otaibi, Kuwait Air Force, October 2002 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 182-07, dated 30 June 2008.

Major General Sultan Abdullah Al-Ramyan, Kuwait Armed Forces, October 2002 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 361-03, dated 27 December 2007.

Major General Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Kuwait Armed Forces, October 2002 to May 2003. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 142-07, dated 21 May 2008.

Major General Takeshi Fujino, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, March 2006 to March 2007. This order supersedes United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 212-10, dated 30 July 2008.


IV—SILVER STAR-REVOKE. So much of Department of the Army General Orders, No. 31, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., dated 1 July 1971, pertaining to the award of the Silver Star to Captain Humbert R. Versace, United States Army, is herein revoked; as announced in United States Human Resources Command, Permanent Orders 312-07, dated 7 November 2008.

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