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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

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

Staff Sergeant Corey M. Calkins distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Special Forces Weapons Sergeant with Operational Detachment Alpha 3121 assigned to Special Operations Task Force South during combat operations against an armed enemy in Helmand Province, Afghanistan on February 18, 2010. As part of a dismounted reconnaissance patrol consisting of United States Army, United States Marine Corps and Afghan National Army elements, Staff Sergeant Calkins led an assault of a sixty-nine man Afghan National Army Company against a platoon sized group of insurgents in fortified positions at an intersection in the bazaar near Marjeh, Afghanistan. In the face of intense small arms, rocket-propelled grenade and mortar fire, Staff Sergeant Calkins' undaunted charge inspired the Afghan National Army Company to overrun the enemy positions, pursue the insurgents and prevent them from reorganizing. After securing the intersection and surrounding area, Staff Sergeant Calkins voluntarily resumed his assault fifteen hundred meters north, driving the enemy fighters out of the range of small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades, allowing for the evacuation of three critically wounded Marines. Staff Sergeant Calkins aggressively pursued the enemy with the Afghan National Army soldiers, exposing himself numerous times to deadly enemy fire. His personal courage and commitment to mission accomplishment in a combat zone, under the most extreme of circumstances, greatly contributed to the liberation of the citizens of Marjeh from an oppressive regime. Staff Sergeant Calkins' actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, the Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command-Afghanistan, United States Forces-Afghanistan and the United States Army.

Captain Jay C. Copley distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Commanding Officer, Company C, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade on 5 May 1968 while engaged in armed conflict with a regimental-size force of the North Vietnamese Army in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam. Ordered to relieve Company A, which was surrounded and under withering small arms, machine gun and rocket propelled grenade fire from the enemy, Captain Copley, upon arrival and without hesitation, brought the fight to the enemy. In the face of intense fire and at great personal danger, Captain Copley's actions and his undaunted leadership disrupted the attack on Company A and resulted in the enemy being routed, saving countless Troopers lives. During the ensuing engagement, the enemy force made repeated attempts to consolidate their positions and on each occasion Captain Copley fearlessly moved across the fire-swept terrain directing the relentless attack of his Soldiers. Captain Copley suffered life-threatening wounds during the attack but continued to press the fight. Only after securing the battlefield and ensuring the safety of his men did Captain Copley consent to be airlifted to receive further medical aid. His

bold initiative and resolute determination contributed inestimably to the accomplishment of his unit's mission. Captain Copley's selfless leadership, courageous actions, and extraordinary devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade and the United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Jarion Halbisengibbs, Operational Detachment Alpha 083, Advanced Operating Base 080, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Arabian Peninsula distinguished himself on 10 September 2007 in combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As the Detachment Weapons Sergeant, Staff Sergeant Halbisengibbs displayed extraordinary courage under fire while combat-advising a combined assault element of the Iraqi National Police during Operation Chromium, a raid to capture Al Qaeda in Iraq's Minister of Defense for Ad Din Province in the Samarra. Through his fearless actions, Staff Sergeant Halbisengibbs directly saved the lives of two of his fellow Soldiers, personally killed six of the eleven enemy Killed in Action, enabled the rescue of one hostage, and ensured the elimination of a terrorist responsible for kidnappings and murders throughout the Samarra region. His unparalleled courage under fire, decisive leadership and personal sacrifice were directly responsible for the operation's success and ensured the province of Ad Din did not fall into insurgent hands. Staff Sergeant Jarion Halbisengibbs' outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and the United States Army.

Corporal Joseph L. Lollino distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a medic with 3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment during combat operations against an armed enemy in Paktika Province, Afghanistan on June 20, 2008. While on patrol, Corporal Lollino's convoy came under direct fire from Anti-Afghan Forces set up in a near ambush. During the barrage of enemy fire, the third vehicle in the convoy was disabled by a rocket-propelled grenade and was pushed by another vehicle out of the kill zone. Corporal Lollino drove his own vehicle through the kill zone in order to establish a casualty collection point at the location of the disabled vehicle and immediately began to coordinate first line care of the casualties while engaging known enemy locations with his personal weapon from an exposed position. Soon, enemy forces greatly intensified their fire on Corporal Lollino's position. Ignoring the danger, he continued to administer treatment to all four casualties, used his body to shield one of the injured from incoming rocket-propelled grenades, and continued working even after sustaining shrapnel wounds himself. Corporal Lollino then loaded the casualties onto an alternate vehicle and continued to provide aid while the convoy fought through the three kilometer kill zone. Corporal Lollino's selfless leadership, courageous actions, and extraordinary devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry Regiment, and the United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Shinyei Matayoshi distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Platoon Sergeant with Company G, 2d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team during combat operations against an armed enemy on Mount Belvedere, Italy. On 7 April 1945, Technical Sergeant Matayoshi ordered his Platoon to advance up the steep slopes of Mount Belvedere to seize the heavily fortified forest areas that were under enemy control. As the Platoon approached the elevated ridge line, Technical Sergeant Matayoshi's Platoon was attacked by intense machine gun fire from at least five enemy machine gun nests from frontal, left and right flanks. Technical Sergeant Matayoshi did not waver despite enduring an overabundance of devastating automatic and small arms fire


while attacking the first machine gun nest. While suppressing the enemy with his Thompson machine gun and throwing hand grenades, he killed four enemy soldiers and took one prisoner. Despite the intensive barrage of enemy firepower directed against him, Technical Sergeant Matayoshi moved forward leading the direct assault destroying three other machine gun nests, killing or wounding approximately fifteen enemy soldiers, some at as close as a five meter range. Technical Sergeant Matayoshi secured the key terrain which paved the way for the Battalions' pursuit of the retreating enemy soldiers. Technical Sergeant Matayoshi's selfless leadership, courageous actions, and extraordinary devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Company G, 2d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, and the Army of the United States.

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