



REPLY TO
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COMANCHE TROOP, 1ST SQUADRON, 7TH CAVALRY REGIMENT
1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-4828

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MEMORANDUM FOR National Executive Director, U.S. Cavalry and Armor Association

THRU COMMANDER, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st ABCT, 1st CD, Fort Hood, TX

SUBJECT: Nomination for Award of the Order of St. George - Black Medallion to First Lieutenant William E. LaRose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to nominate 1LT William E. LaRose for award of the Order of St. George – Black Medallion.
2. 1LT William LaRose is nominated for award of the Order of St. George - Black Medallion. He is nominated for this award because of his demonstrated tactical and technical competence as a Cavalry leader and for his contributions to the Mounted Force.
3. Upon graduation from the Armor Basic Officer Leadership Course in 2016, 1LT Larose took the reconnaissance and leadership skills he acquired to his assignment at 1-7 CAV in the Republic of Korea, where he integrated into the operations cell. He quickly separated himself from other lieutenants with his motivation and professionalism. During this time the Squadron commander hand-picked him to compete in the 2nd Infantry Division Best Warrior Competition. Will competed and won the Squadron and Brigade Best Warrior segments, and finally took second place overall for the Division Best Warrior Competition. His physical capability continuously shows as he has never scored less than a 300 on his APFT, and his mental competence has never faltered proving he can be trusted with the most complex problem sets.
4. In March 2016, 1LT LaRose began assignment as Platoon Leader for 1st Platoon, Comanche Troop, 1-7 CAV. 1LT LaRose immediately set out preparing his Troopers for an intense training cycle that consisted of seven major Squadron training events to include Gunnery Table VI, Scout Shooter, and an intense, dismounted scout training event. Additionally, Will led his platoon through the culminating, joint training event know as Warrior Thunder, where the 1-7 CAV, 210 FiB, and two battalions from the Republic of Korea Army (ROKA) ran through their OPLAN mission sets. It was during this time that Will received commendation by the 2ID CSM for his leadership and professionalism. Will used his strong interpersonal skills to liaise with South Korean Soldiers. He built solid relationships that were the foundation for developing and refining interoperability in the “Fight Tonight” environment of the ROK. Squadron selected him over his fellow scout platoon leaders to mentor a CTLT cadet during their rotation with the Squadron.
Upon return to Fort Hood, Will actively set out to build lethal crews and resilient Scouts in preparation for 1-7 CAV’s intense training cycle and eventual deployment to EUCOM. Will

