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Headquarters, 3d Battalion 8th Cavalry Regiment
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MEMORANDUM FOR National Executive Director, U.S Cavalry and Armor
Association 3100 Gentian BLVD, Suite 17B Columbus, GA 31907

SUBJECT: Nomination for Award of the Noble Patron of Armor for [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] nominated for the Noble Patron of Armor. He is nominated for this award because of his demonstrated tactical and technical competence as a leader and for his contributions to the Mounted Force.
2. An infantryman by trade, [REDACTED] commander three companies in the 3d Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment between 2015 and 2018. [REDACTED] first led Company B upon the unit's redeployment from the Republic of Korea where he first began inventories at Camp Hovey. As a commander he reinvigorated the company's identify as a mechanized formation; "re-bluing" his squads as dismounted infantrymen while simultaneously integrating his Bradley Fighting Vehicles to forge a company ground in the fundamentals of fire and movement. Following this extremely successful command, [REDACTED] was selected to command Headquarters and Headquarters Company.
3. As the HHC, 3-8 Cav Commander, [REDACTED] led 142 Troopers through crew and collective gunnery twice, platoon, company and battalion Situational Training Exercises, and provided reconnaissance, indirect fires and Mission Command for three Company Combined Live Fire Exercises in 2016. [REDACTED] also deployed his company to Fort Irwin, California leading them in Decisive Action Rotation 17-01 with the Greywolf Brigade. This rotation served as the capstone event for the company's pre-deployment training plan and brought the company to "T's" in each of its collective tasks.
4. Shortly after re-deploying from NTC and then shipping the battalion's equipment to Kuwait, [REDACTED] handed off the HHC guidon and assumed his most challenging assignment to date, leading the battalion's Home Station Mission Command unit. [REDACTED] began with a roster of 162 troopers who were unable to deploy to the Central Command area of responsibility with the battalion. As "Racoon6," CPT [REDACTED] was charged to responsibly transition an initial population of 116 Soldiers to improve the unit's readiness.

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5. [REDACTED] epitomizes what a mounted leader should be. He is decisive and tactically and technically competent, and I strongly recommend him for award of Noble Patron of Armor.

6. Point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at [REDACTED]

