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National Executive Director
U.S. Cavalry & Armor Association
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Dear National Executive Director,

In accordance with the criteria put forth by the Executive Director, United States Cavalry and Armor Association, I wish to nominate [REDACTED] for the Medal of the Order of Saint George (Silver Medallion).

A member in good standing of the Cavalry and Armor Association [REDACTED] qualifications are outstanding. During his highly successful career, he has served in numerous positions and performed admirably at all levels of leadership from armored cavalry scout platoon leader to his current position as the Director of the Land Supplier Operations Directorate. During his 27 year career, he has served with distinction, and his accomplishments and contributions to the United States Army and the Cavalry and Armor forces have been nothing short of noble. [REDACTED] has a retirement date of May 31, 2018.

Beginning as an armored cavalry scout platoon leader with Alpha Troop, 5th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment in the Republic of Korea, his Bradley crew scored a perfect 1,000 on Bradley Table 8. While still a 2nd Lieutenant, his demonstrated excellence and administrative ability led to his next assignment as the executive officer of the Alpha Troop and a successful rotation Team SPIRIT.

Upon his return to the continental states, he assumed leadership of an M1A1 tank platoon with the 3rd Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment at Fort Carson and led his platoon through a train-up program and a successful deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center while task organized to support the 1st Brigade, 6th Infantry Division. [REDACTED] also deployed his tank platoon to Gowen Field, Idaho and distinguished his tank crew with a score of 995 on Tank Table 8. Recognized for his leadership, he then led the battalion's heavy mortar platoon through a successful rotation to the National Training Center.

After Fort Carson, [REDACTED] then served as the Chief, Force Development on the G3, 1st Armored Division staff and deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina where he effectively integrated the fielding of the Stand Alone GPS Receiver (SAGR), XM1114 Heavy-Up Armored HMMWV, M113A3 Belly Armor Plates, Kevlar Ballistic Blankets, 5 Ton Trucks Vehicle Protection Kits, and Interim Small Arms Protective Overvests (ISAPOs) to provide mine protection for the units deployed to support the 1st Armored Division and Task Force Eagle. [REDACTED] then served as the Battalion Maintenance Officer for the 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment and then ultimately as Commander of Alpha Company. During his tenure in command, he led his company through two successful Grafenwoehr gunneries and a high-intensity rotation to the Combined Multi-purpose Training Center at Hohenfels. As a result of his contributions and accomplishments, he received the Order of Saint George (Bronze Medallion).

Following a successful company command, [REDACTED] transitioned into the Army Acquisition Corps and then served as the Production Officer at the Lima Army Tank Plant production facility. In this capacity, he provided oversight and direction to both government and contractors responsible for the

production of over 700 M1A2 Abrams, M1A1 Abrams Integrated Management (AIM) tanks, and the Wolverine Heavy Assault Bridge vehicles. His outstanding performance resulted in his selection by the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) as the Agency's Junior Office of the Year. During this assignment, ██████████ deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan where he directed a 400+ personnel contract providing Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) to over 7,000 U.S. and coalition forces in Operation Enduring Freedom. While there he leveraged his home duty station, schools, and organizations to provide much needed clothing and school supplies to a local Afghanistan village as part of a civil affairs initiative to stabilize the local population and the security of the base.

██████████ then served two years with the Army Corps of Engineers in New York City, where he served with distinction earning two top ratings of "one of my top three majors out of 12 majors" by an engineer commanding general officer in an engineering command. During this assignment, ██████████ was proactive in the community and coached three youth soccer teams.

He then served as a Supervisory Procurement Contracting Officer with the Defense Logistics Agency in Columbus, Ohio where he was responsible for procuring Class IX repair parts to support land-based combat and tactical vehicles for the Army and its sister services. In recognition of his contracting expertise, ██████████ (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology) hand-selected ██████████ to deploy as part of a 10 member team to investigate and provide solutions to correct contracting irregularity for warfighter support in Southwest Asia.

██████████ was then nominated and selected to serve as the Acquisition Program Integrator and Assistant Program Manager for the Bradley and Paladin Integrated Management (PIM) programs. Under his tenure, the Bradley program achieved a record of 1,423 vehicles produced during calendar year 2009. His superior performance resulted in his selection as the Division Field Grade Officer of the Year. ██████████ was then promoted to LTC and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom as the Theater Administrative Contracting Officer. In this capacity, he was the contract subject matter expert and advisor to 63 military and civilian contracting officers and commanders from five subordinate commands spanning four countries on the contract management and oversight of four major contracts valued in excess of \$7B.

██████████ then commanded at the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center (JSMC), formerly known as the Lima Army Tank Plant. ██████████ was responsible for contract administration and production of General Dynamics Land System's combat weapon systems including the M1A2 SEP and M1A1 AIM Abrams tanks, the Stryker Brigade Combat Vehicle, and other combat systems valued at over \$8B. His emphasis on the contractor's surveillance plans improved the quality to a historic first pass yield of 90% defect-free for 208 Abrams tanks. Additionally he was dual-hatted reporting to the TACOM CG as the installation commander responsible for the safety, security and wellbeing of over 800 government and contractor personnel working in a 370-acre defense manufacturing plant. During his command, he deployed to Baghdad for one year and served as the DCMA Central Iraq Commander responsible for administering hundreds of theater-wide contracts valued at over \$2.2B for base life support and security services for over 100,000 personnel located at 56 Forward Operating Bases across Iraq. As a result of his exemplary performances, ██████████ of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology selected ██████████ as the 2012 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director of the Year at the Lieutenant Colonel Level. Additionally, he was nominated twice for the John C. Maxwell national leadership award, finishing as one of the Top 100 nominees in 2015.

Currently, ██████████ serves as the Director for the Land Supplier Operations, DLA Land and Maritime. In this capacity, he leads a complex organization of over 400 acquisition professionals to provide integrated acquisition support solutions to meet Class IX material requirements for U.S. military services,

other departments and agencies of the United States, and military forces of other countries. Specifically, he leads the management of the Class IX procurement of tires, engines, transparent armor (ballistic glass), small arms, batteries, and other reparable parts for the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force and collaborates with program offices as well as the services' organic industrial repair facilities on sustainment challenges and opportunities over the life cycle of the weapon systems.

In summary, [REDACTED] has dedicated many arduous hours to the Armor and Cavalry forces. By insuring the uninterrupted production of quality Abrams, the Bradley Fighting Vehicles, and other combat platforms at the source, [REDACTED] has made a direct and significant impact on the mounted warfighter's capabilities. [REDACTED] has embodied the finest qualities of the Armor and Cavalry tradition. His leadership, professionalism, and selfless dedication have significantly contributed to providing Armor and Cavalry units with the best combat systems in the world. I wholeheartedly support this nomination for a great warrior and patriot and request the Silver Medal of the Order of Saint George be awarded to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in recognition of his significant contributions to the mounted warriors of Armor and Cavalry.

