

### *JHC*

#### SPC ROBERT R. RODRIGUEZ 599-01-9697

Specialist Rodriguez has been selected to act as Vehicle Commander for HQ69. The role of Vehicle Commander is normally reserved for NCOs because it is a highly demanding position. The Vehicle Commander must at all times possess a grasp of the big picture, maintain a level head, and be able to effectively coordinate between his and other crews. In addition, the VC must possess a thorough knowledge of the vehicle's workings and be able to supervise all maintenance. Specialist Rodriguez has effectively demonstrated that he is fully capable of all these tasks and more and has been selected above and beyond his peers for this prestigious position.

- Specialist Rodriguez has served as driver for the Command Sergeant Major on multiple occasions.
- Specialist Rodriguez has acted as force protection for the Command Sergeant Major and the Battalion Commander during two separate engagements.
- Specialist Rodriguez is planning on reenlisting soon in order to stay in the infantry and to make the rank of Sergeant.
- Specialist Rodriguez is consistently cheerful and upbeat, no matter the situation and immeasurably boosts morale due to his pleasant nature.

### *Aco*

#### SPECIALIST GREGORY PERAULT

Since assuming the position of team leader, Spc. Perrault has displayed a highly enthusiastic attitude toward leadership, coupled with bravery and mental toughness under hostile conditions. Our squad's Stryker was traveling directly behind an Iraqi Army convoy when the vehicle directly to our front was struck by a powerful IED, instantly killing the two soldiers sitting in the back. Spc. Perrault did not hesitate to dismount with his squad in order to recover the dead quickly so as to avoid tempting the enemy to conduct a follow-on attack. Faced with the horrific display before us Spc. Perrault not only assisted with quickly recovering the two Iraqi soldiers but still maintained his tactical awareness by reminding me to gather up the sensitive items in the destroyed vehicle such as radios, weapons and maps. These would have been a bountiful find by the enemy. Spc. Perrault's attention to detail prevented these items from falling into the wrong hands. Also during a Cordon and Knock mission Spc Perrault was providing local security in a home while Tactical Questioning was being conducted. When all of a sudden 4 well aimed shots were directed at the home by a possible AIF Sniper. While maintaining tactical awareness of the situation and taking charge of the situation, Spc Perrault led his squad to cover and concealment positions to continue to provide local security for the Commander and Platoon Leader as they developed a tactical plan of action to locate and eliminate the possible AIF Sniper. When our company was stationed in Tal'Afar, Iraq our squad faced a similar incident when once again we were traveling

down MSR Sante Fe behind an Iraqi Army convoy when it was struck by an IED, killing one and severely wounding another soldier sitting in the back of their truck. After dismounting to assist the casualties, our squad was the closest to the casualties and Spc. Perault, once again, did not hesitate to assist with the horrific scene before him. As a result of his actions, our squad was directly responsible for saving the life of the Iraqi soldier in the back of their truck, despite the death of the other soldier. Spc. Perault has displayed time and again, his dedication to professionalism, courage and mental toughness under the harshest conditions possible on the battlefield. I highly recommend recognizing Spc. Perrault among his peers for all that he has done in the aforementioned narrative with the Bobcat coin.

**Bco**  
**SPC THOMAS D. ALFANO**

**FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING IN BRAVO COMPANY, 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, 5<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT. SPC THOMAS D. ALFANO, IS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR THIS AWARD FOR HIS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE WHICH MADE HIM THE GO-TO SOLDIER TO ACCOMPLISH DIFFICULT TASKS. IN THE LAST NINE MONTHS HE HAS PERFORMED THE DUTIES AS A SAW GUNNER, ALTERNATE VEHICLE COMMANDER, ALTERNATE DRIVER, AND DETAINEE HANDLER. HE HAS COMPLETED THESE DUTIES EXEPTIONALLY, BY TAKING CHARGE IN THE ABSENCE OF ORDERS AND STAYING MISSION ORIENTED. HE CONTINUES TO SEEK CHALLENGES AND SHOWS POTENTIAL TO EXCEL IN THIS COMPETITIVE ARMY.**

**Cco**  
**SPC Ronald Corey**

During his combat tour in Iraq, SPC Corey's courage has been proved time after time, while engaging insurgents in Fallujah for hours to the mean streets of Mosul. SPC Corey always does the right thing by ensuring his peers and himself have the right equipment for the mission at task. He is always ready and alert for every mission gaining the respect from all members of his squad.