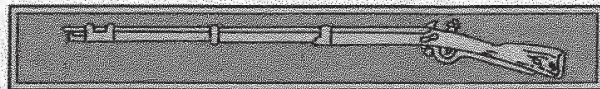
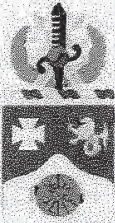


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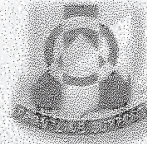
## EXPERT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE

APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF WAR 7 OCTOBER 1943  
AND ANNOUNCED IN WAR DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 269 DATED 27 OCTOBER 1943



Awarded To

**SSG ROBERT BALES**  
**HHC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment**  
**Fort Lewis, Washington**



is a qualified Expert Infantryman who by demonstrating a high degree of professional skills, expertise, and outstanding performance is hereby awarded this certificate indicating this superb achievement.

Having demonstrated your Warrior tasks and drills you have enhanced the overall readiness of the Arrowhead Brigade for future combat.

On This The 16<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2008

ALAN D. JERKE  
CSM, USA  
Brigade Sergeant Major



DAVID E. FUNK  
COL, IN  
Commanding



# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED  
**THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL**

TO **STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT BALES**  
**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 3RD INFANTRY REGIMENT**

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS A BATTALION SNIPER SECTION LEADER DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 09-10. SSG BALES' HARD WORK, SELFLESS SERVICE, AND DETERMINATION GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE UNIT. HIS DEDICATION TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE PATRIOT BATTALION, THE ARROWHEAD STRYKER BRIGADE AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

FROM 9 AUGUST 2009 TO 8 AUGUST 2010

26 March 2010 PO# 085-114  
Hqs, 3D SBCT, 2D ID  
FOB WARHORSE, APO AE 09336



*David E. Funk*  
DAVID E. FUNK  
COL, IN  
Commanding

**RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

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1. TO CDR, 3D BDE, 2D ID (SBCT) FOB WARHORSE, APO AE 09336	2. FROM CDR, HHC, 2D BN, 3D IN REGT FOB NORMANDY, APO AE 09362	3. DATE (YYYYMMDD) <b>20100321</b>
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**PART I - SOLDIER DATA**

4. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALES, ROBERT	5. RANK SSG	6. SSN 275-84-2087
7. ORGANIZATION HHC, 2D BN, 3D IN REGT FOB NORMANDY, APO AE 09362	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS AAM-1, ARCOM-3	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD ARCOM 3OLC	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 20090809 b. TO 20100808
12. REASON FOR AWARD		

12a. INDICATE REASON SVC	12b. INTERIM AWARD IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12c. POSTHUMOUS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13. PROPOSED PRESENTATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100601
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**PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA**

14. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BEAZLEY, LUTHUR A.	15. ADDRESS HHC, 2D BN, 3D IN REGT FOB NORMANDY, APO AE 09362
16. TITLE/POSITION PLATOON LEADER	17. RANK CPT
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE SUPERVISOR	19. SIGNATURE 

**PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA** (Use specific facts, examples of meritorious acts or service)

20. ACHIEVEMENTS
ACHIEVEMENT #1 SSG Bales' professionalism, care of fellow Soldiers, both U.S. and Iraqi Army, and dedication to duty through all missions, demonstrated his commitment to the Arrowhead Brigade's mission, and his enthusiasm for carrying on the Warrior Ethos. SSG Bales is an indispensable member of this platoon and has helped carry his fellow Soldiers through all mortal dangers faced with confidence and fortitude.
ACHIEVEMENT #2 SSG Bales, as the Battalion Sniper Section Leader, lead his team on over 120 combat patrols, to include joint Iraqi Army counter IED and counter Mortar patrols. SSG Bales' attention to detail, and care of equipment resulted in 100% accountability of all personal and team equipment.
ACHIEVEMENT #3 SSG Bales' used his experience from his previous deployment to aid in the training of his team in everything from Battle Drills to Observation Points. Additionally, he coached his Soldiers in dealing with family as the toll of a year long deployment began to wear on his men and their families. SSG Bales' training and instruction greatly affected the confidence and readiness his team needed to continue the Arrowhead Brigade's mission.
ACHIEVEMENT #4 /also

21. PROPOSED CITATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS THE BATTALION SNIPER SECTION LEADER FOR, 2ND BATTALION, 3RD INFANTRY REGIMENT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM FROM 8 AUGUST 2009 THRU 8 AUGUST 2010. SSG BALES' TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY WAS INSTRUMENTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF TASK FORCE PATRIOT'S MISSION. SSG BALES' DEDICATION TO IMPROVING IRAQI SECURITY, SUPPORTING THE LOCAL IRAQI GOVERNMENT, AND DEFENDING A FLEDGLING NATION BRINGS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIGHLANDER COMPANY, THE PATRIOT BATTALION, THE ARROWHEAD BRIGADE AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALES, ROBERT  
 SSN 275-84-2087

**PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL**

22. I certify that this individual is eligible for an award in accordance with AR 600-8-22, and that the information contained in Part I is correct.  
 22a. SIGNATURE *[Signature]* 22b. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100318

23. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY a. TO CDR, 2D BN, 3D IN REGT FOB NORMANDY, APO AE 09632 b. FROM CDR, HHC, 2D BN, 3D IN REGT FOB NORMANDY, APO AE 09632 c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100319

d. RECOMMEND:  APPROVAL  DISAPPROVAL  UPGRADE TO:  DOWNGRADE TO:

e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BELL, RICHARD R. f. RANK CPT

g. TITLE/POSITION COMPANY COMMANDER h. SIGNATURE *[Signature]*

i. COMMENTS *Outstands Sgt on a difficult mission! Thanks for your hard work.* JS1B/A

24. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY a. TO CDR, 3D BDE, 2D ID (SBCT) FOB WARHORSE, APO AE 09336 b. FROM CDR, 2D BN, 3D IN REGT FOB NORMANDY, APO AE 09632 c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100319

d. RECOMMEND:  APPROVAL  DISAPPROVAL  UPGRADE TO:  DOWNGRADE TO:

e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) ROCKE, ADAM L. f. RANK LTC

g. TITLE/POSITION BATTALION COMMANDER h. SIGNATURE *[Signature]*

i. COMMENTS *Superb combat performance by this talented NCO.*

25. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY a. TO b. FROM c. DATE (YYYYMMDD)

d. RECOMMEND:  APPROVAL  DISAPPROVAL  UPGRADE TO:  DOWNGRADE TO:

e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) f. RANK

g. TITLE/POSITION h. SIGNATURE

i. COMMENTS

26. APPROVAL AUTHORITY a. TO ORDERS ISSUING AUTHORITY b. FROM CDR, 3D BDE, 2D ID (SBCT) FOB WARHORSE, APO AE 09336 c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100416

d.  APPROVED  DISAPPROVED  RECOMMEND UPGRADE TO:  DOWNGRADE TO:

e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) FUNK, DAVID E. f. RANK COL

g. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE COMMANDER h. SIGNATURE *[Signature]*

i. COMMENTS

**PART V - ORDERS DATA**

27a. ORDERS ISSUING HQ HQ, 3D BDE, 2D ID (SBCT) FOB WARHORSE, APO AE 09336 27b. PERMANENT ORDER NO. # 085-114 31. DISTRIBUTION 1-File 1-OMPF 1-Unit 3-Individual

28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY THOMAS A. CHO 28b. RANK CPT

28c. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE ADJUTANT 29. APPROVED AWARD ARCOM 30LC

28d. SIGNATURE *[Signature]* 30. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100416



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## THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

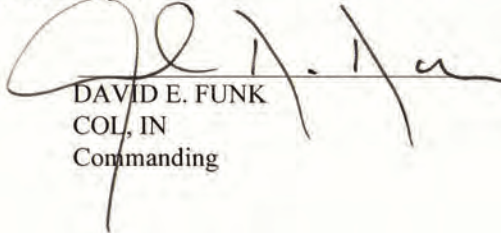
TO **STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT BALES**  
**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2D BATTALION, 3D INFANTRY REGIMENT**

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS A SNIPER SECTION LEADER DURING TRACKING SCHOOL, INTERNATIONAL SNIPER COMPETITION, AND SDM COURSE. SSG BALES' PERFORMANCE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, THE PATRIOT BATTALION, THE ARROWHEAD BRIGADE, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

FROM 29 SEPTEMBER 2008 TO 16 DECEMBER 2008

31 December 2008 PO# 366-001  
HQs, 3D SBCT, 2D ID  
FORT LEWIS, WA 98433



  
DAVID E. FUNK  
COL, IN  
Commanding

**RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

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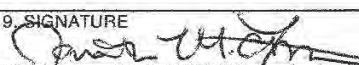
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1. TO CDR, 3-2 SBCT FORT LEWIS, WA 98433	2. FROM CDR, HHC, 2-3 IN REGT FORT LEWIS, WA 98433	3. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
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**PART I - SOLDIER DATA**

4. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALES, ROBERT		5. RANK SSG	6. SSN 275-84-2087
7. ORGANIZATION HHC, 2-3 IN REGT FORT LEWIS, WA 98433		8. PREVIOUS AWARDS AAM-1, ARCOM-4	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE Army		10. RECOMMENDED AWARD ARCOM 4OLC	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 20080929 b. TO 20091216
12. REASON FOR AWARD			
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13. PROPOSED PRESENTATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20090227			

**PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA**

14. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) FURSMAN, JONATHAN M.		15. ADDRESS HHC, 2-3 IN REGT FORT LEWIS, WA 98433		
16. TITLE/POSITION COMPANY COMMANDER	17. RANK CPT	19. SIGNATURE 		
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE COMPANY COMMANDER				

**PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA** (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)

20. ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT #1  
 SSG Bales identified, conducted research, and developed the initial proposal for bringing the Tracking MTT to 3-2 SBCT. While another battalion ultimately supported the training, SSG Bales was instrumental in bringing this extraordinary training opportunity to the brigade. SSG Bales attended the MTT as a student and provided the necessary motivation and leadership to the battalion's snipers and reconnaissance platoon members to complete the rigorous training.

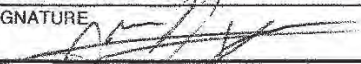

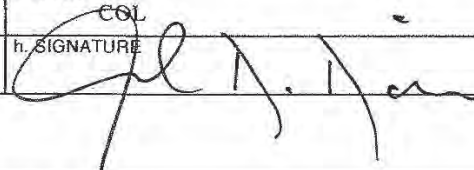
ACHIEVEMENT #2  
 Immediately following the Tracking MTT, SSG Bales led a contingent of two sniper teams from the battalion to the International Sniper Competition held at Ft. Benning, GA. While SSG Bales had the opportunity to compete in this prestigious event, he elected to allow his junior enlisted personnel gain the practical experience of the competition. Instead, SSG Bales took the opportunity to coach his younger snipers as they competed against, and out-performed many, of the world's most experienced snipers.

ACHIEVEMENT #3  
 SSG Bales returned from the competition with additional technical knowledge that he immediately put to use as he revised a 2005 SDM POI from the Army Marksmanship Unit to create the new Patriot SDM Course. SSG Bales planned and supervised the execution of the SDM Course over a four week period that resulted in 38 out of 39 personnel completing a rigorous 120 hours of long range marksmanship training. Thanks to his efforts the battalion, including the 18th Eng Co, now have more trained SDMs than authorized.

ACHIEVEMENT #4

21. PROPOSED CITATION

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS A SNIPER SECTION LEADER DURING TRACKING SCHOOL, INTERNATIONAL SNIPER COMPETITION, AND SDM COURSE. SSG BALES' PERFORMANCE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, THE PATRIOT BATTALION, THE ARROWHEAD BRIGADE, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALES, ROBERT		SSN 275-84-2087	
<b>PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL</b>			
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3. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) ROCKE, ADAM L.		f. RANK LTC	
j. TITLE/POSITION BATTALION COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE 	
. COMMENTS			
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. COMMENTS			
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j. TITLE/POSITION		h. SIGNATURE	
. COMMENTS			
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3. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) FUNK, DAVID E.		f. RANK COL	
j. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE 	
. COMMENTS			
<b>PART V - ORDERS DATA</b>			
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28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY ELIZABETH CROOKS		28b. RANK MAJ	
28c. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE ADJUTANT		29. APPROVED AWARD ARCOM 40LC	
28d. SIGNATURE		30. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	



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## THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO **STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT BALES**  
**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION, 3<sup>RD</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT**

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE DURING THE I CORPS MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION. SSG BALES' TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL PROFICIENCY, DEDICATION TO WINNING, AND UNIQUE ABILITY TO TRAIN SOLDIERS WERE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESS AND FIRST PLACE WIN OF THE TEAM. HIS ACTIONS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, THE PATRIOT BATTALION, THE ARROWHEAD STRYKER BRIGADE, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

FROM 13 APRIL 2008 TO 7 MAY 2008

3 June 2008 PO# 155-039  
HQs, 3D SBCT, 2D ID  
FORT LEWIS, WA 98433



*For James E. Taylor*  
DAVID E. FUNK  
COL, IN  
Commanding



**COMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

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TO OR, 3-2 SBCT FORT LEWIS, WA 98433	2. FROM CDR, HHC, 2-3 IN REGT FORT LEWIS, WA 98433	3. DATE (YYYYMMDD)  20080519
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**PART I - SOLDIER DATA**

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALES, ROBERT	5. RANK SSG	6. SSN 275-84-2087
ORGANIZATION HC, 2-3 IN REGT FORT LEWIS, WA 98433	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS AAM-1, ARCOM-3	
BRANCH OF SERVICE  Army	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD  ARCOM 3 OLC	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 20080413 b. TO 20080507

2. REASON FOR AWARD		12c. POSTHUMOUS		13. PROPOSED PRESENTATION DATE (YYYYMMDD)	
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**PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA**

4. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) HAZLEY, LUTHUR A	15. ADDRESS HHC, 2-3 IN REGT FORT LEWIS, WA 98433
6. TITLE/POSITION LATOON LEADER	17. RANK 1LT
8. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE LATOON LEADER	19. SIGNATURE 

**PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA** (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)

0. ACHIEVEMENTS


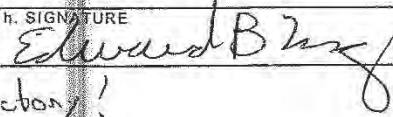
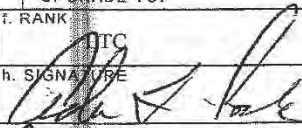
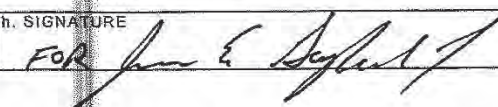
ACHIEVEMENT #1  
 SSG Bales led the BDE Marksmanship team to a first place finish overall in the I Corps Marksmanship Competition during Pride Week. He tirelessly trained seven shooters from four different battalions in order to best prepare them for victory, defeating two hand selected teams from 1st Special Forces Group and several other brigades in I CORPS and Fort Lewis. His unique leadership ability and dedication to mission accomplishment allowed him to bring together Soldiers from different battalions and turn them into a deadly and lethal team.

ACHIEVEMENT #2  
 SSG Bales performance throughout the two week train up was superb in every aspect of training. He developed and ran a litany of complex stress shoots, taking his group from a collection of shooters with raw ability to a finely tuned team, with unwavering skill, accuracy, and resolve. He was able to accomplish this training while, ensuring that training and supervision remained in place for soldiers of his respective section as well. SSG Bales is the epitome of an NCO and displayed what an Arrowhead Soldier is all about.

ACHIEVEMENT #3

ACHIEVEMENT #4

21. PROPOSED CITATION  
 FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE IN THE I CORPS MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION, WHILE REPRESENTING, THE THIRD STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (ARROWHEAD). SSG BALES' UNIQUE ABILITY TO TRAIN SOLDIERS ALLOWED FOR THE SUPERB DEVELOPMENT OF A BRIGADE MARKSMANSHIP TEAM AND TURNED THEM INTO AN ELITE AND ACCURATE SHOOTING TEAM. SSG BALES' HIGH LEVEL OF TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL PROFICIENCY, DEDICATION TO WINNING, AND EXCEPTIONAL COMMITMENT BRING GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE PATRIOT BATTALION, THE ARROWHEAD BRIGADE, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALES, ROBERT		SSN 275-84-2087	
<b>PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL</b>			
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e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) LERZ, EDWARD B.		f. RANK CPT	h. SIGNATURE 
g. TITLE/POSITION COMPANY COMMANDER		i. COMMENTS Great job in leading this team to victory!	
24. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO	b. FROM	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
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e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) ROCKE, ADAM L.		f. RANK O1C	h. SIGNATURE 
g. TITLE/POSITION BATTALION COMMANDER		i. COMMENTS Exceptional NCO. One of our very finest!	
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e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) FUNK, DAVID E.		f. RANK COL	h. SIGNATURE 
g. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE COMMANDER		i. COMMENTS Great job!	
<b>PART V - ORDERS DATA</b>			
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28c. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE ADJUTANT		29. APPROVED AWARD ARCOM 3 OLC	
28d. SIGNATURE		30. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	



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## THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

**SERGEANT ROBERT BALES**

**CHARLIE COMPANY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION, 3<sup>RD</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT**

**FOR** OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE BATTLE OF NAJAF WHILE SERVING AS A FIRE TEAM LEADER. SGT BALES' HEROIC ACTIONS RESULTED IN MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. HIS ACTIONS SECURING A DOWNED HELICOPTER AND CLEARING A TRENCH LINE RESULTED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF A SUPERIOR NUMBERED ENEMY. HIS BRAVERY REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, THE PATRIOTS, THE ARROWHEAD STRYKER BRIGADE AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

From 28 January 2007 through 29 January 2007

10 April 2007 PO# 100-067

HQs, 3D SBCT, 2D ID

APO AE 09344



STEPHEN J. TOWNSEND

COL, IN

Commanding

NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR VALOR

TO

SGT ROBERT BALES

SGT Robert Bales, United States Army, heroically distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous conduct in the face of the enemy in Iraq as a Fire Team Leader for 1st Squad, 1st Platoon Charger Company 2-3 IN Regt, Baghdad Iraq, from 28 Jan 07 to 29 Jan 07 during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Approximately 1400 on 28 Jan 07, SGT Bales was alerted that the company would be moving out to secure the site of a downed Apache helicopter. SGT Bales worked diligently to prepare his own fire team and to assist the platoon in preparations for movement. Upon arrival at the crash site SGT Bales deployed his team expertly while under intensive enemy fire to secure the northern flank of the crash site. SGT Bales worked all night long to assist his squad at digging in and searching for enemy personnel while in contact with a sizeable force. On the morning of 29 Jan 07 the platoon got online and began to sweep the objective area. While still under enemy fire SGT Bales with the assistance of his team move to the company CCP to establish security on the eastern flank. He then took his own initiative to establish an ECP and search all personnel entering into the area. SGT Bales assisted in the evacuation of critically wounded AIF and Iraqi civilians from the battlefield. His actions are in the best traditions of military heroism and reflect great credit upon himself, this command and the United States Army.

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALES, ROBERT		SSN 275-84-2087	
<b>PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL</b>			
22. I certify that this individual is eligible for an award in accordance with AR 600-8-22; and that the information contained in Part I is correct.		22a. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	22b. DATE (YYYYMM) 20070210
23. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO CDR, 2-3 IN REGT FOB STRIKER, APO AE 09322	b. FROM CDR, C CO, 2-3 IN REGT FOB STRIKER, APO AE 09322	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20070210
d. RECOMMEND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		UPGRADE TO:	DOWNGRADE TO:
e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) CLEMMER, BRENT A.		f. RANK CPT	
g. TITLE/POSITION COMMANDER, C CO, 2-3 IN REGT		h. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	
i. COMMENTS Always a solid NCO in 1st Regt. Sgt Bales again proved his leadership under fire.			
24. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO CDR, 3-2 IN (SBCT) FOB LIBERTY, APO AE 09344	b. FROM CDR, 2-3 IN REGT FOB LIBERTY, APO AE 09322	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20070210
d. RECOMMEND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		UPGRADE TO:	DOWNGRADE TO:
e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) HUGGINS, BARRY F.		f. RANK LTC	
g. TITLE/POSITION COMMANDER, 2-3 IN REGT		h. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	
i. COMMENTS			
25. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO	b. FROM	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
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e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		f. RANK	
g. TITLE/POSITION		h. SIGNATURE	
i. COMMENTS			
26. APPROVAL AUTHORITY	a. TO ORDERS ISSUING AUTHORITY	b. FROM CDR, 3-2 IN (SBCT) BAGHDAD, IRAQ APO AE 09344	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20070410
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e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) TOWNSEND, STEPHEN J.		f. RANK COL	
g. TITLE/POSITION COMMANDER, 3-2 IN (SBCT)		h. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	
i. COMMENTS			
<b>PART V - ORDERS DATA</b>			
27a. ORDERS ISSUING HQ HQ's, 3-2 IN (SBCT) FOB LIBERTY, APO AE 09344		27b. PERMANENT ORDER NO. 100-067	31. DISTRIBUTION 1-File 1-OMPF 1-Unit 3-Individual
28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY FAGNAN, DON A.		28b. RANK MAJ	
28c. TITLE/POSITION 1 BRIGADE ADJUTANT		29. APPROVED AWARD ARCOMV	
28d. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		30. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	



# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED

## THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL


TO **SERGEANT ROBERT BALES**  
**CHARLIE COMPANY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION, 3<sup>RD</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT**

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED AS A TEAM LEADER DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. SGT BALES' UNWAVERING COURAGE THROUGHOUT SUSTAINED COMBAT OPERATIONS HAS ENSURED THE PROMISE OF HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ. HIS SERVICE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, THE PATRIOT BATTALION, THE ARROWHEAD STRYKER BRIGADE AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

From 28 June 2006 through 1 June 2007

18 January 2007 PO# 018-83  
HQ, 3RD BDE, 2D INF DIV  
APO AE 09344



  
STEPHEN J. TOWNSEND  
COL, IN  
COMMANDING

## RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see HQDA Letter 600-06-1; the proponent agency is DCS, G-1.

For valor/heroism/wartime and all awards higher than MSM, refer to special instructions in Chapter 3, AR 600-8-22.

1. TO CDR, 3D SBCT, 2D ID BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09344	2. FROM CDR, C CO, 2D BN, 3D IN REGT, 3-2 SBCT BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09322	3. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
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### PART I - SOLDIER DATA

4. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALES, ROBERT	5. RANK SGT	6. SSN 275-84-2087
7. ORGANIZATION C CO, 2D BN, 3D IN REGT BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09322	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS AAM-2, ARCOM-1	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE Army	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD ARCOM 1OLC	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 20060628 b. TO 20070601

12a. INDICATE REASON SVC	12b. INTERIM AWARD IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12c. POSTHUMOUS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13. PROPOSED PRESENTATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20070601
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### PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA

14. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) ALEXANDER, CHRISTOPHER M.	15. ADDRESS C CO, 2D BN, 3D IN REGT BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09322	
16. TITLE/POSITION PLATOON LEADER	17. RANK ILT	19. SIGNATURE <i>Christopher M Alexander</i>
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE PLATOON LEADER		

### PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)

20. ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT #1  
SGT Bales, an Infantry Team Leader, has led his team in over 120 combat patrols and 26 joint operations with the IA and IPs with 100% mission success. SGT Bales has reacted to seven IED attacks, one RPG attack, and three SVBIEDS with no casualties and maintained 100% accountability of personal and sensitive items. SGT Bales has used previous combat experience to aid his team and the platoon in 100% mission completion in Mosul and Baghdad, Iraq.


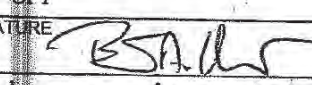
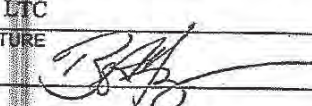
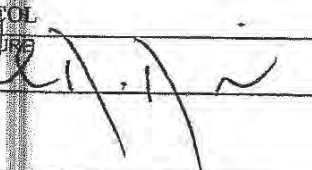
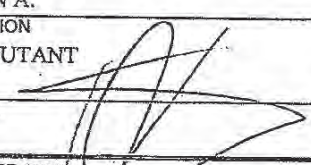
ACHIEVEMENT #2  
SGT Bales' professionalism, care of fellow Soldiers, both U.S. and Iraqi Army, and dedication to duty through all small arms, RPG, VBIED, and IED attacks, demonstrated his commitment to the Arrowhead Brigade's mission, and his enthusiasm for carrying on the Warrior Ethos. SGT Bales is an indispensable member of this platoon and has helped carry his fellow Soldiers through all mortal dangers faced with confidence and fortitude.

ACHIEVEMENT #3

ACHIEVEMENT #4

21. PROPOSED CITATION

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED AS A TEAM LEADER DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. SGT BALES' UNWAVERING COURAGE THROUGHOUT SUSTAINED COMBAT OPERATIONS HAS ENSURED THE PROMISE OF HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ. SGT BALES' EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE PATRIOTS, THE ARROWHEAD BRIGADE, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALES, ROBERT		SSN 275-84-2087	
<b>PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL</b>			
22. I certify that this individual is eligible for an award in accordance with AR 600-8-22; and that the information contained in Part I is correct.		22a. SIGNATURE 	22b. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
23. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO COMMANDER, 2-3 IN REGT BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09322	b. FROM COMMANDER, C CO, 2-3 IN REGT BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09322	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
d. RECOMMEND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO:			
e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) CLEMMER, BRENT A.		f. RANK CPT	
g. TITLE/POSITION COMPANY COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE 	
i. COMMENTS Can't say enough good things about Sgt Bales, smart quick on his feet and in a fight. The type of TL and Sgt every COE wants.			
24. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO COMMANDER, 3D SBCT, 2D ID BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09344	b. FROM COMMANDER, 2-3 IN REGT BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09322	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2007 01 12
d. RECOMMEND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO:			
e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) HUGGINS, BARRY F.		f. RANK LTC	
g. TITLE/POSITION BATTALION COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE 	
i. COMMENTS			
25. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO	b. FROM	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
d. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO:			
e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		f. RANK	
g. TITLE/POSITION		h. SIGNATURE	
i. COMMENTS			
26. APPROVAL AUTHORITY	a. TO ORDERS ISSUING AUTHORITY	b. FROM COMMANDER, 3D SBCT, 2D ID BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09344	c. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
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e. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) TOWNSEND, STEPHEN J.		f. RANK COL	
g. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE 	
i. COMMENTS			
<b>PART V - ORDERS DATA</b>			
27a. ORDERS ISSUING HQ HEADQUARTERS, 3D SBCT, 2ID BAGHDAD, IRAQ, APO AE 09344		27b. PERMANENT ORDER NO. 018-83	31. DISTRIBUTION SOLDIER (1) OMPF (1) MPRJ (1) FILES (1)
28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY FAGNAN, DON A.		28b. RANK MAJ	
28c. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE ADJUTANT		29. APPROVED AWARD ARCOM	
28d. SIGNATURE 		30. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	



**RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

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For valor/heroism/wartime and all awards higher than MSM, refer to special instructions in Chapter 3, AR 600-8-22.

1. TO CDR, 3/2 ABCT APO AE 09385	2. FROM CDR, 2-3 IN APO AE 09385	3. DATE  15 MAY 04
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**PART I - SOLDIER DATA**

4. NAME BALES, ROBERT	5. RANK SPC	6. SSN 279-84-2087
7. ORGANIZATION C/2-3 IN MOSUL, IRAQ APO AE 09385	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS NO AWDS	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD  ARCOM	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 19 MAR 04      b. TO 19 MAR 04
12. REASON FOR AWARD 12a. INDICATE ACH, SVC, PCS, ETS, OR RET  ACH		13. POSTHUMOUS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12b. INTERIM AWARD      YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN		

**PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA**

14. NAME WHORTON, TYLER J	17. RANK 2LT	15. ADDRESS C/2-3 IN MOSUL, IRAQ APO AE 09385
16. TITLE/POSITION PLATOON LEADER	19. SIGNATURE 	
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE PLATOON LEADER		

**PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA** *(Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)*

20. ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT #1  
During a combat patrol in Mosul, SPC Bales' sharp observational skills enabled him to discover a cache site located in a large landfill. SPC Bales' discovery uncovered four hundred and fifty-seven artillery rounds of various sizes potentially saving the lives of hundreds coalition forces from future improvised explosive device attacks.

ACHIEVEMENT #2

ACHIEVEMENT #3

ACHIEVEMENT #4

21. PROPOSED CITATION

**FOR EXEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE ASSIGNED AS A MACHINE GUNNER IN COMPANY C, 2D BATTALION, 3D INFANTRY IN COMBAT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. SPC BALES' ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, THE PATRIOT BATTALION, THE ARROWHEAD BRIGADE AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.**

NAME BALES, ROBERT		SSN 279-84-2087	
<b>PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL</b>			
22. I certify that this individual is eligible for an award in accordance with AR 600-8-22; and that the information contained in Part I is correct.		22a. SIGNATURE <i>Sean Kirk</i>	22b. DATE 26 May 04
23. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO CDR, 2-3 IN APO AE 09385	b. FROM CDR, C/2-3 IN APO AE 09385	c. DATE 26 May 04
d. RECOMMEND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		UPGRADE TO:	DOWNGRADE TO:
e. NAME NEWTSON, ANTHONY J.		f. RANK CPT	
g. TITLE/POSITION COMPANY COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE <i>Anthony J. Newtson</i>	
i. COMMENTS <i>SFC Bales has contributed immeasurable to the success of 1PLT and Charlie Company experienced during Operation Iraqi Freedom!</i>			
24. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO CDR, 3/2 ABCT APO AE 09385	b. FROM CDR, 2-3 IN APO AE 09385	c. DATE 26 May 04
d. RECOMMEND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		UPGRADE TO:	DOWNGRADE TO:
e. NAME FLOWERS, JAY G.		f. RANK LTC	
g. TITLE/POSITION BATTALION COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE <i>Jay G. Flowers</i>	
i. COMMENTS <i>Great Soldier with a Super attitude!</i>			
25. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a. TO	b. FROM	c. DATE
d. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		UPGRADE TO:	DOWNGRADE TO:
e. NAME		f. RANK	
g. TITLE/POSITION		h. SIGNATURE	
i. COMMENTS			
26. APPROVAL AUTHORITY	a. TO ORDERS ISSUING AUTHORITY	b. FROM CDR, 3/2 ABCT APO AE 09385	c. DATE 1 Aug 04
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED		RECOMMEND UPGRADE TO:	DOWNGRADE TO:
e. NAME ROUNDS, MICHAEL E.		f. RANK COL	
g. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE COMMANDER		h. SIGNATURE <i>Michael E. Rounds</i>	
i. COMMENTS			
<b>PART V - ORDERS DATA</b>			
27a. ORDERS ISSUING HQ HQ, 3/2 ABCT APO AE 09385		27b. PERMANENT ORDER NO. 212-020	31. DISTRIBUTION 1- SOLDIER 1- UNIT 1- OMPF 1- FILE
28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY <i>Phelps, Shawn A.</i>		28b. RANK MAJ	
28c. TITLE/POSITION BRIGADE ADJUDANT		29. APPROVED AWARD ARCOM	
28d. SIGNATURE <i>Shawn A. Phelps</i>		30. DATE 1 Aug 04	

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# RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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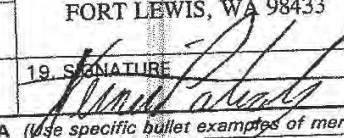
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1. TO CDR, 2-3 IN FORT LEWIS, WA 98433	2. FROM CDR, C/ 2-3 IN FORT LEWIS, WA 98433	3. DATE 23 APR 03
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### PART I - SOLDIER DATA

4. NAME BALES, ROBERT	5. RANK PFC	6. SSN 279-84-2087
7. ORGANIZATION C CO 2-3 IN FORT LEWIS, WA 98433		8. PREVIOUS AWARDS NONE
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE COMBAT	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD AAM	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 15 MAR 03 b. TO 16 APR 03
12. REASON FOR AWARD ACH		13. POSTHUMOUS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12a. INDICATE ACH, SVC, PCS, ETS, OR RET ACH	12b. INTERIM AWARD IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA

14. NAME POTRATZ, KERMIT D.	15. ADDRESS C CO 2-3 IN FORT LEWIS, WA 98433
16. TITLE/POSITION SQUAD LEADER	17. RANK SSG
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE SQUAD LEADER	19. SIGNATURE 

### PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)

20. ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT #1  
PFC Bales's outstanding abilities as a M240 gunner enabled him to provide accurate and effective fires for the platoon enabling them to successfully breach a wire obstacle against a numerically superior force.

ACHIEVEMENT #2  
PFC Bales effectively engaged and disabled four enemy vehicles with his M240 machine gun while conducting defensive operations against a highly trained mechanized force.

ACHIEVEMENT #3

ACHIEVEMENT #4

21. PROPOSED CITATION

**For meritorious service while assigned to the 2ND Battalion, 3RD Infantry from 15 MAR 03 to 16 APR 03. PFC Bales's outstanding performance of duty contributed greatly to the accomplishment of the Battalions mission. PFC Bales's initiative, technical and tactical proficiency, and devoion to mission accomplishment reflect great credit upon himself, the "Patriot" Battalion and the United States Army.**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
Task Force Bravo Detachment  
Personnel Services Battalion, Fort Lewis, WA 98433 (Forward)  
Mosul Army Airfield, Mosul, Iraq  
APO AE 09334

227-0000

14 August 2004

BALEB ROBERT 275-84-2087 SPC C Company, 2/3d Infantry Regiment (WJHHC0),  
Mosul, Iraq APO AE 09385

Announcement is made of the following award.

Award: Good Conduct Medal (1st Award)

Date(s) of period of service: From 8 November 2001 to 7 November 2004

Authority: AF 600-8-22, paragraph 4-3

Reason: For exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active Federal military  
service.

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FOR THE COMMANDER:



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CW3, AG

Chief, Personnel Services Division

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SPC Bales

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**2D BATTALION,  
3D INFANTRY REGIMENT**



*For continuous combat service against an armed and determined enemy while assigned to the 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry Regiment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 09-10, the Wartime Shoulder Sleeve Insignia is hereby presented to:*



**SSG ROBERT BALES**

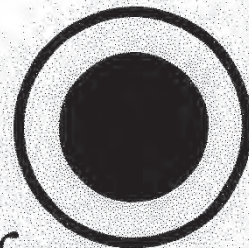
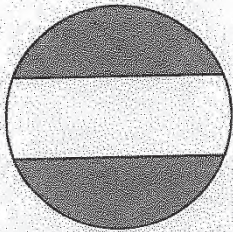


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Command Sergeant Major

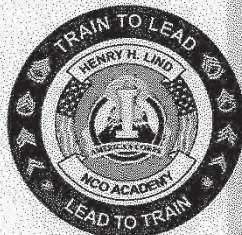


**PATRIOTS**

ADAM L. ROCKE  
LTC, IN  
Commanding



*Henry H. Lind*  
*Noncommissioned Officer Academy*




*Certificate of Achievement*


Is Awarded To

**SGT ROBERT BALES**

YOU ARE COMMENDED FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST ADMINISTERED ON 10 JANUARY 2008. YOUR OUTSTANDING SCORE OF 281 POINTS IS INDICATIVE OF YOUR "LEAD BY EXAMPLE" ATTITUDE AND ALSO SERVES TO AFFIRM YOUR STATUS AS A PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER. CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN YOUR CURRENT PHYSICAL CONDITIONING LEVEL AND LET IT SET THE STANDARD FOR OTHERS WHEREVER YOU SERVE.

Given at Fort Lewis, Washington this 7th day of February 2008

  
JEFFREY R. HUGGINS  
Command Sergeant Major, USA  
Commandant

  
CHARLES H. JACOBY JR.  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding



DIETZ

*"The Ghost's Come Knocking"*

*"The Army's First Stryker Brigade"*

*Jeffrey T. Du*



**3d Brigade (SBCT), 2d Infantry Division**

**Arrowhead Brigade**

Certificate of Combat Service

*Presented To*

**SGT ROBERT BALES**

**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM**

Jeffrey T. Du  
CSM, USA  
Command Sergeant Major



*Stephen J. Townsend*

Stephen J. Townsend  
COL, IN  
Commanding





# *CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION*



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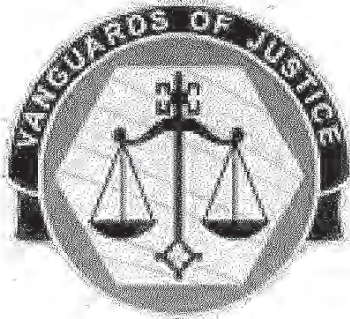
***ROBERT BALES***

*HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 10 WEEKS BIBLICAL  
SEMINAR OF THE ENTIRE BOOK OF REVELATION, AT THE  
NORTHWESTERN JOINT REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITY, JBLM.*

*31 May 2013 to 09 August, 2013*

*CH (MAJ) Joseph Kilonzo  
Facility Chaplain & Presenter*





*CERTIFICATE OF  
COMPLETION*



*THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT*

***Robert Bales***

*HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE STUDY OF THE  
ENTIRE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS AT THE NORTHWESTERN  
JOINT REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY*

*22 May - 17 July 2013*

*CH (MAJ) Joseph Kilonzo  
Facility Chaplain*

*CH (1LT) John Bright Jr  
Instructor for the Class*



*CERTIFICATE OF  
COMPLETION*

*THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT*

*Robert Bales*



*HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 8 WEEKS SEMINAR OF  
THE ENTIRE BOOK OF DANIEL, AT THE NORTHWESTERN  
JOINT REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, JBLM.*

*01 March to 26 April, 2013*

*CH (MAJ) Joseph Kilonzo  
Facility Chaplain & Presenter*