

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 600-8-22, the proponent agency is DCS, G-1.

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

1 TO AHRC-PDP-A, 1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408		2 FROM CDR (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) 2ND BN, 10TH SFG(A) FORT CARSON, CO 80913		3. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20160106	
PART I - SOLDIER DATA					
4 NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)		5 RANK (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)		6. SSN (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)	
7 ORGANIZATION (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) 2ND BN, 10TH SFG(A) FORT CARSON, CO 80913		8. PREVIOUS AWARDS ARCOM-1, JSCM-1, BSM-1			
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE		10. RECOMMENDED AWARD SS		11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 20150721 b. TO 20150721	
12. REASON FOR AWARD					
12a INDICATE REASON VALOR		12b INTERIM AWARD IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN		12c. POSTHUMOUS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		13 PROPOSED PRESENTATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20180530	
PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA					
14 NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)		15 ADDRESS (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) 2ND BN, 10TH SFG(A) FORT CARSON, CO 80913			
16 TITLE/POSITION (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)		17 RANK (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)			
18 RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDING OFFICER SUPERVISOR		19 SIGNATURE (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)			
PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)					
20 ACHIEVEMENTS					
ACHIEVEMENT #1 SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE					
ACHIEVEMENT #2					
ACHIEVEMENT #3					
ACHIEVEMENT #4					
21. PROPOSED CITATION SEE ATTACHED CITATION					

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)		SSN (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)	
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 (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)	22b DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20160106
23 INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a TO CDR, SOCAF APO AE 09107	b FROM CDR, 2ND BN, 10TH SFG(A) FORT CARSON, CO 80913	c DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20160106
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) (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)		f RANK (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)	
g TITLE/POSITION (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)		h SIGNATURE (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)	
i COMMENTS (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)			
24 INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a TO CDR, U.S. AFRICA COMMAND. APO AE 09751	b FROM CDR, HQ SOCAF RICA UNIT 30401 APO AE 09107	c DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20170329
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) BOLDUC, DONALD C.		f RANK LTJG	
g TITLE/POSITION COMMANDER, SOCAF RICA		h SIGNATURE (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)	
i COMMENTS (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)			
25 INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	a TO CG, HRC FORT KNOX, KY 40122	b FROM CDR, U.S. AFRICA COMMAND	c DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20170626
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) WALDHAUSER, THOMAS D.		f RANK Capt	
g TITLE/POSITION Commander, U.S. Africa Command		h SIGNATURE (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)	
i COMMENTS			
26 APPROVAL AUTHORITY	a TO ORDERS ISSUING AUTHORITY	b FROM CG, HRC FORT KNOX, KY 40122	c DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20180201
d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMEND UPGRADE TO <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO			
e NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)		f RANK LTC	
g TITLE/POSITION CHIEF, AWARDS AND DECORATIONS BRANCH		h SIGNATURE (b)(6)	
i COMMENTS SILVER STAR APPROVED BY THE ADB, HRC ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY			
PART V - ORDERS DATA			
27a ORDERS ISSUING HQ HRC, FORT KNOX, KY 40122	27b PERMANENT ORDER NO 032-008	31. DISTRIBUTION 1-File 1-CMPP 1-Unit 3-Individual	
28a NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY (b)(6)	28b RANK LTC		
28c TITLE/POSITION CHIEF, AWARDS AND DECORATIONS BRANCH	29 APPROVED AWARD SS		
28d SIGNATURE (b)(6)	30 DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20180201		



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDER 032-008

1 February 2018

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) 2d Battalion, 10th Special Forces
Group, Fort Carson, CO 80913

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Silver Star
Date(s) or period of service: 21 July 2015
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 3-11
Reason: For gallantry in action
Format: 320

This order supersedes any previously issued order that may have been published announcing this award.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

(b) (6)

LTC, AG
Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch

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USA HRC (AHRC-PDP-A) (1)
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Individual (3)



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 9, 1918
HAS AWARDED

THE SILVER STAR

TO

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

(b)(6) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

2D BATTALION, 10TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP

FOR

GALLANTRY IN ACTION

ON 21 JULY 2015 IN SOMALIA

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018

R. W. Bennett Jr.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
Permanent Order 032-008, 1 February 2018
U.S. Army Human Resources Command
Fort Knox, KY 40122



Mark T. Esper

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (amended by act of 25 July 1963), has awarded the **SILVER STAR** to

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

(b)(6) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

2D BATTALION, 10TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP

For Gallantry in Action: while serving as the **(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)** Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha **(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)** on 21 July 2015 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, against an enemy of the United States. **(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)** bravery in the face of the enemy, skill at arms, and aggressive defense during an advise, assist, and accompany operation, saved lives and enabled his Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha to defeat a prepared, determined, and numerically superior enemy. **(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)** valorous performance is in keeping with the finest tradition of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Special Operations Command-Africa, and the United States Army.



NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) United States Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous conduct in the face of the enemy of the United States as the (b)(6) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) for Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) South, Kismayo, Somalia, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. On 21 July 2015, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) was deployed under Operation OBLIQUE SWORD I.1, in order to advise and assist a Kenyan Defense Forces (KDF) combined force tasked with liberating Baardheere village from Al-Shabaab (AS) to disrupt the enemy network and deny safe haven areas. While accompanying the KDF battalion through severely canalizing terrain, under overcast and cloudy skies, the combined element came under numerous enemy assaults in which (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) unwaveringly and consistently placed himself at risk to provide accurate fires, gain situational awareness, and lead his detachment against a ruthless enemy. While moving through the Jungal Valley, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) and US advisors were engaged in a ferocious six hour Troops In Contact with an estimated 175-200 man AS element that included intense enemy fire from RPGs, IEDs, PKMs, and small arms. Upon entering the kill zones, the enemy engaged the convoy with several IED initiated ambushes that triggered delays in convoy movement and killed and wounded multiple KDF soldiers. Upon initial contact, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) dismounted his vehicle with his 18D and sprinted 50 meters forward to the KDF Commander's position while under direct effective small arms fire from enemy positions within 25 meters of the road. (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) coordinated a MEDEVAC, aid to the wounded, and maneuver plan for the KDF Battalion Commander to ensure KDF initiative was not lost. When the KDF Commander proved unwilling to direct his forces, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) ran forward into heavy machine gun and RPG fire, moving between KDF rifle platoons directing their fires and movement, destroying an estimated 12 enemy fighters. As enemy forces capitalized on worsening weather and degraded ISR support by massing on his position, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) acted decisively while under heavy enemy fire to direct (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) 60mm mortar fires and KDF 105mm artillery fire to enable KDF counterattacks against the enemy, destroying two enemy technical vehicles. He repeatedly displayed tremendous gallantry in action by exposing himself to effective fire so he could gain and maintain a position of relative advantage against a determined enemy and keep the KDF convoy moving through the valley. (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) courage and leadership under significant enemy fire undoubtedly saved the lives of eight USSOF operators, and resulted in the liberation of Baardheere village from AS control and the severe degradation of the AS Kenyan Attack Network. His actions contributed to an estimated 173 EKIA, 60 EWIA, and saved countless USSOF and KDF Soldiers. His actions are in keeping with the finest examples of valor and reflect distinct credit upon himself, the Special Operations Command Forward East Africa, Special Operations Command Africa, and the United States Army.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE SILVER STAR

TO

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 9, 1918 (AMENDED BY AN ACT OF JULY 25, 1963), TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE SILVER STAR TO (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) UNITED STATES ARMY, FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY IN ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY OF THE UNITED STATES ON 21 JULY 2015, WHILE SERVING AS THE (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) SPECIAL FORCES OPERATIONAL DETACHMENT-ALPHA (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) 2ND BATTALION, 10TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) VALOROUS ACTIONS DURING AN ADVISE, ASSIST, AND ACCOMPANY OPERATION RESULTED IN HIS DETACHMENT DECISIVELY DEFEATING A PREPARED AND DETERMINED ENEMY. (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) BRAVERY IN THE FACE OF THE ENEMY, SKILL AT ARMS, AND AGGRESSIVE DEFENSE DURING DETERMINED ENEMY ATTACKS SAVED LIVES AND ENABLED HIS SPECIAL FORCES OPERATIONS DETACHMENT ALPHA TO DEFEAT A PREPARED, DETERMINED, AND NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR ENEMY. (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) VALOROUS PERFORMANCE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND FORWARD EAST AFRICA, SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND AFRICA, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



HEADQUARTERS
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND AFRICA
UNIT 30401
APO AE 09107

ACSO-CDR

DEC 18 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDP-A, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

SUBJECT: Silver Star Recommendation for (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

1. Reference: AR 600-8-22, Paragraph 3-7
2. Stability Operation: While advising a Kenyan Defense Force, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) participated in OPN Octave Shield, an operation that was coordinated with other instruments of national power to maintain a safe and secure environment for the local nationals, provide essential government services, emergency infrastructure reconstruction, and humanitarian relief.
3. Silver Star Eligibility Criteria: The Silver Star is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Army, is cited for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The Silver Star is a valor award and will not be awarded for service.
4. Commander's Endorsement: While accompanying the KDF Ground Force Commander, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) and his team came under enemy attack. During the engagement, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) displayed tremendous gallantry by exposing himself to effective fire so he could gain and maintain a position of advantage against a determined enemy. His actions contributed to the overall success of the mission and saved the lives of countless U.S. Special Operation Forces personnel. Per the reference, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) award recommendation meets this criteria.
5. Point of contact for this memorandum is the J1 Director, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) at DSN 314-421-5369 or (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)@mail.mil.

(b)(6) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

J. MÆRcus HICKS
Maj Gen, USAF
Commander



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

HEADQUARTERS
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND AFRICA
UNIT 30401
APO AE 09107

ACSO-CDR

29 September 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Special Operations Command,
MacDill Air Force Base, FL 33621-5323

SUBJECT: Request to Award Silver Star

1. IAW AR 600-8-22, paragraph 3-7, Stability Operations, request that the following Service Member be awarded the Silver Star:

Award recommendation in the case of (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USA) Silver Star

2. The above Service Member was engaged by small arms fire while performing duties in support of Special Operations Command Africa (SOCAFRICA), a sub-unified command comprised of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps Special Operations Forces with continuous missions in various locations which includes 54 countries and covers more than 13 million square miles in the USAFRICOM AOR. SOCAFRICA leads, plans, coordinates, and as directed, execute the full spectrum of Special Operations in the AOR as part of an integrated Theater Strategy to combat terrorism and advance AFRICOM's strategic objectives.

3. The POC for this action is SSG (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) SOCAFRICA J1,
DSN 314-421-5679 or (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)@mail.mil.

(b)(6) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

DONALD C. BOEDUC
BG, USA
Commanding