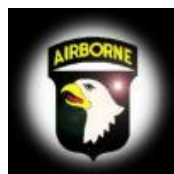




2<sup>nd</sup> BCT, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV (AASLT)  
"STRIKE HISTORY"  
27 October – 02 November 2013



- 27 October 1968 1-502 had negative enemy contact. The last light recon flight engaged 1 VC, unknown results, but captured 10 grenades, 1-.45 pistol, 4 rucksacks and some documents.
- 28 October 1968 A/1-502 ambushes, vic. YD7233, received SA fire; they engaged 2 VC with negative results. 1 IS WIA. B/1-502 conducted security of An Lo. C/1-502 (-) was at Phu Vang. D/1-502 was OPCON to 1/501, and C/1-502, 26 elements at FSB T-Bone, security.
- 28 October 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** C/2-502 was released from OPCON and moved into AO by foot to join A and C CO who had encountered nothing thus far.
- 28 Oct 08 COL Hickman escorted Sheikh Mahmud and four other important community leaders to the Theater Internment Facility at Camp Cropper to meet with the facility commander and tour the facility. The intent of the tour was to enhance the Iraqi leaders' understanding of Coalition operations. The tour included detainee living areas, educational program areas, family visitation areas and the medical facility. During the tour, Iraqi leaders saw firsthand that detainees received care from the same staff as did Coalition Soldiers. After the visit, the leaders were able to share with detainees' families that Coalition Forces do not detain people without cause and that the detainees are treated humanely and with dignity and respect.
- 30 October 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** A/2-502 (ZD112907) had sporadic contact from 1155h to 1815h with trail watchers and delaying forces resulting in one friendly KHA and on VC/NVA KIA with one AK-47. E/2-502 OPCON to 1-327 IN at FSB Anzio. No further contacts were made.
- November 1984 Through a complex "reflagging" process, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 502nd Infantry (bearing the lineages of Companies A, B, and C, 502nd PIR of WW II fame) were placed under the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).
- November 1998 – March 1999 C/1-502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry deployed to Nicaragua between November 1998 and March 1999, to provide humanitarian relief as part of the Hurricane Mitch relief effort.
- Nov 05 1/B/1-320 FAR detached from 1-320 FAR and is placed under OPCON to 1-502d IN in Mahmudiyah, Iraq. Although the platoon was technically a Brigade asset, it conducted more than 90% of its missions in direct support of 1-502 IN. Two hot guns were required at all times, and a third gun in cold status with the ability to establish firing capability within 30 minutes.  
The platoon consisted of 3 howitzer sections, 2 fire direction center sections, a platoon sergeant, gunnery sergeant, and PL. Originally, 4 Howitzers were taken with one designated as a float, but within the first month the requirement changed to 6 howitzers on the ground. The majorities of missions conducted were counter-fire and counter battery; with frequency of missions dictated by the maneuver units' operational tempo. Area/Terrain denial mission made up the majority of the remainder with a few troops in contact type missions as well. The preferred targets for area denial missions were historic POO sites that AIF mortar teams used on a regular basis.  
During the course of the deployment, the platoon would fire over 1400 rounds in support of Strike Brigade and First Strike battalion, in more missions than any other unit in theater.

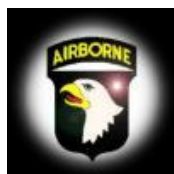


- Nov-Dec 05 MND-B directed Operation Free Speech in support of the Iraqi National election. The Brigade assisted the Iraqi Security Forces, provided barrier materials and acted as a backstop and coordinating agency that resulted in an extremely successful election. 2d BCT provided force protection material for 27 polling sites in AO Strike and worked with the 4/6 IA Bde to provide security for these sites. Numerous 2/101 sponsored Sheikh engagements during the month of December contributed to elections preparation in that local Sheikhs assumed more responsibility for the actions of individuals in their areas and helped set the conditions for the successful execution of the election. 2 BCT also worked with IECI to coordinate for transportation of ballot materials and poll workers. The final result of a quiet day of voting on AO Strike was over 98,000 people with no incidents during the elections, demonstrating a huge success based on the lack of enemy activity and the larger-than-expected turnout.
- 01 November 1968 A/1-502 conducted RIF operation, vic. YD6630. B/1-502 conducted security of An Lo, mine sweep and local patrols and ambushes. C/1-502 (-) was at Phu Vang, providing security for mine sweep of highway 551, occupied strong points on POL pipeline, security of pump station and LCU ramp. D/1-502 was OPCON to 1/501. Recon/1-502 was at Apache. C/1-502 had 26 elements, at T-Bone, Negative contact.
- 01 November 1970 **Operation JEFFERSON GLEN:** 2/502 moved from Camp Eagle, and deployed to FSB Bastogne, expanding the perimeter defense of the firebase. D Company stayed on Bastogne. Soon thereafter line companies began operation west of Bastogne meeting with very light and sporadic enemy opposition.
- 02 November 1968 The 1-502<sup>nd</sup> units continued operations in the same vic., except that D/1-502 returned to An Lo and B/1-502 went OPCON to 1/501. There was negative contact.
- 02 November 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** A,C, and D 502d were moved out of the canopy by six “slicks” provided by DIV Aviation, the CP was moved back to FSB Anzio by truck, and A/2-502 took up responsibility for Bridges 1,2,3,and 4 along QL 1. E/2-502 was returned from OPCON.
- 02 November –  
26 December 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** Phase IV was conducted. At the beginning of Phase IV, the 2-502 IN did not have much to work with. A CO secured Bridges 1, 2, 3, and 4, while B, C, and D CO were all OPCON to 1-327. E (-) CO provided mortar support from FSB Anzio while Recon conducted search (Vic. YD915095).

**During this week, in the span of 72 years since the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment originated in July 1941 as the 502nd Parachute Battalion, an experimental unit formed to test the doctrine and tactics of parachute assault, the following awards were awarded to members of 2BCT and the 502<sup>nd</sup> IN Regiment.**

- 1 x Silver Star Medal
- 2 x Bronze Star Medal with Valor
- 13 x Army Commendation Medal with Valor
- 12 x Bronze Star Medal (12x Posthumously)
- 45 x Purple Hearts (23 x Posthumously)
- 2 x Non-Hostile Illness or Injury

- 27 October 1944 PVT Halcott L. Smith (D/502nd PIR) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wound received in action resulting in his death in Holland, France.
- 27 October 2010 The following Soldiers: PFC Ronnie Gentry Jr. and PFC Joseph Glaude (G/3-2 CAV) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked their mounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.



28 October 1967

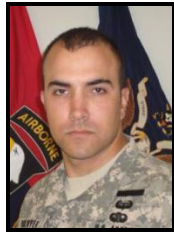


The following Soldiers: CPL Jessie F. Greene Jr. and CPL Robert J. Reinald (Pictured) (B/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action which resulted in their deaths from multiple fragmentation wounds in the Quan Tin Province, South Vietnam.

28 October 2005

SPC Daniel Davis (HHT/3-3 ACR) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when he sustained shrapnel wounds during an IED explosion.

28 October 2010



SSG Adam Dickmyer (A/2-502 IN), 26, of Winston Salem, North Carolina; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

29 October 1944



The following Soldiers: 1/Sgt William L. Outlaw, PFC Roy A. Hill (Pictured) (HQ/3-502d PIR) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death in Holland, France

29 October 2010



SPC Pedro Maldonado (B/1-502 IN), 20, of Houston, Texas; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

29 October 2010

PFC Brian Marcey (B/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

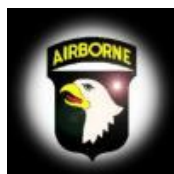
29 October 2010

The following Soldiers: SPC Alexander Smith and PFC Jacob Osborne (C/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked their dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

30 October 1967



SP4 Ray E. Coln (B/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action which resulted in his death as a ground casualty from Misadventure (Friendly Fire) in the Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam.



30 October 2003

PFC Jonathan Noll (A/1-320 FA) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received for a gunshot wounds to his foot when his unit is attacked at a checkpoint in Mosul, Iraq.

30 October 2010



CPL Brett Land (C/2-502 IN), 24, of Wasco, California; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

30 October 2010

The following Soldiers: SSG Jeffrey Smith, SSG William Hall, SGT Nicholas Pagan and PFC Christopher Korb (C/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked their dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

31 October 1968

CPL John E. Urbelis (A/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire wounds in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

31 October 2003

SSG Luis Ruiz (A/1-320 FA) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received from a grazing gunshot wound to his forehead when his unit is attacked at a checkpoint in Mosul, Iraq.

31 October 2005

SFC Michael Lamkins (HHC/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when sustained lacerations to the face due to a command-detonated IED.

31 October 2005

SSG Justin Thomas (A/2-502 IN) actions in combat earn him the Bronze Star with Valor.

31 October 2005

SSG Michael R. Maloney (A/2-502 IN) actions in combat earn him the Army Commendation with Valor.

31 October 2005

SGT Uili Allen (A/2-502 IN) actions in combat earn him the Army Commendation with Valor. His quick decisions and selfless service helped to evacuate a Soldier hit by a catastrophic IED strike.

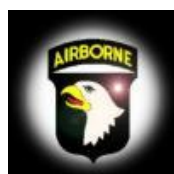
31 October 2005

SPC Joseph P. Hammer (A/2-502 IN) actions in combat earn him the Army Commendation with Valor.

31 October 2005



SFC Jonathan Tessar (2-502 IN), 36, of Simi Valley, California; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when he was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during patrol operations in Mahmudiyah, Iraq.



31 October 2005



SPC William J. Byler, 23, of Ballinger, Texas; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when he was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during patrol operations in Mahmudiyah, Iraq.

31 October 2005



PFC Adam R. Johnson, 22, of Clayton, Ohio; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when he was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during patrol operations in Mahmudiyah, Iraq.

31 October 2005



PFC David J. Martin, 21, of Edmond, Okla.; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when he was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during patrol operations in Mahmudiyah, Iraq.

01 November 2003

SPC Quaran Pearson (A/1-302 FA) earned the Army Commendation Medal with Valor and Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received. SPC Pearson, while operating as a vehicle gunner at a checkpoint overlooking Highway One, detects AIF forces about to attack his unit's position. SPC Pearson disrupts AIF's attempt to launch a coordinated attack using both small arms and RPG fire. He is the first to engage the enemy, causing them to give away their position prematurely. During the attack he is shot in the leg by small arms fire.

01 November 2003

SGT Jason Black (assigned to A/1-320 FA) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when he was at a checkpoint overlooking Highway One when AIF forces launch 4 RPGs. He was struck in the upper thigh by RPG fragments.

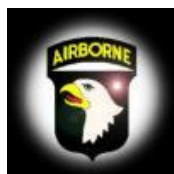
01 November 2007

SSG James Slayton (1-64 AR) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when he was on a mounted patrol consisting of 4 M1151's. Shortly after passing through an IA checkpoint, his vehicle was hit by an IED on the TC side of the truck. After pushing through the kill zone, they found that SSG Slayton had suffered a puncture wound to the left ankle, abrasion to his right ankle, and a puncture wound to his right hand.

01 November 2010



SPC Jonathan Curtis (A/1-502 IN), 24, of Belmont, Massachusetts; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.



01 November 2010



PFC Andrew Meari (A/1-502 IN), 21, of Plainfield, Illinois; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

01 November 2010

The following Soldiers: SSG Matthew Riegle, SGT Ryan Louviere, SPC Felipe Pereira, SPC Joseph Waszmer, SPC Jorge Cortes and PVT Miles Baker (A/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked their dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

02 November 1944

The following Soldiers: PFC Lawrence P. Lee Jr. (HQ/1-502d PIR); SGT Joseph B. Davis (A/502d PIR); PFC James J. Slaysman (C/502d PIR); PFC Archie F. Fiero (502d PIR) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death in Holland, France.

02 November 1968



The following Soldiers: SGT James A. Singleton (Pictured) and SP4 Jacob McKie (C/1-501 IN) died from Non-hostile causes as a ground casualty in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

02 November 2005



SPC Benjamin A. Smith (1-502 IN), 21, of Hudson, Wisconsin; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when he was killed during a PSD convoy when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV near Baghdad.

02 November 2005

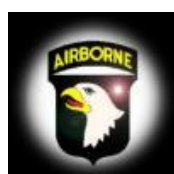


SPC Joshua J. Munger (1-502 IN), 22, of Maysville, Missouri; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when he was killed during a PSD patrol when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV near Baghdad.

02 November 2005



PFC Tyler R. MacKenzie (1-520 IN), 20, of Evans, Colorado; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when he was killed during a PSD patrol when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV near Baghdad.



## STRIKE HISTORY (Citation's and Awards):

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29 October 2010



CPL Robert Skovira (D/2-502 IN) earned the Army Commendation Medal with Valor when he distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous service as a team leader in 1st platoon, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operation Enduring Freedom.

On 28 October, 1st platoon, Company D, received enemy contact. CPL Skovira maneuvered his fire team in order to assist an ANA squad receiving effective small arms and RPG fire. Ignoring the immediate danger, CPL Skovira engaged the enemy positions with his grenade launcher, suppressing and marking targets for CCA to engage, while simultaneously directing the fire of a squad automatic weapon. His actions forced the enemy to break contact from their positions, which resulted in multiple enemy KIAs and allowed the ANA to regain freedom of movement.



On 29 October, 1st platoon, Company D, received effective small arms fire while securing Strong Point Baluchan. CPL Skovira immediately assumed the TOW position and identified multiple enemy positions. CPL Skovira engaged both targets with TOW 2A missiles, and then continued to direct the fire of both a U.S. and ANA crew-served weapon. His actions were vital in repelling the enemy attack on Strong Point Baluchan and assisted in the destruction of an estimated squad sized enemy element.

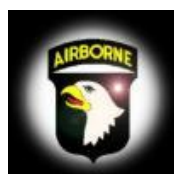
29 October 2010



CPT Gary Flowers II (C/2-502 IN) earned the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for distinguished actions when Company C, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment air assaulted into the Ahmad Khan area as the main effort company of the battalion's assault into Objective Franklin 1 and 2. On the fourth day of combat operations that was punctuated by numerous small arms attacks, IED discoveries and IED detonations, CPT Flowers led an intelligence driven movement to contact patrol to the southwest of Ahmad Khan to gain contact with an enemy element that was planning to launch attacks against Company C and coalition forces aircraft.

During movement towards their first march objective, a Soldier in the patrol initiated a dismounted IED which blew CPT Flowers several meters into the air causing a slight MTBI injury. Alerted to the element's presence, the enemy prepared to attack the maneuver element. Despite being injured, CPT Flowers refused evacuation because of the risk it would present to his Soldiers and evacuation aircraft due to continued indications of imminent attack.

While commanding the consolidation activities of his element, the enemy initiated contact with Company C with well aimed small arms fire. In the ensuing contact, CPT Flowers, moving to a vantage point while exposed to enemy fire, coordinated for external fire support and ISR support while directing his force's response. Based on his leadership and calm under fire, the Company C element quickly suppressed the enemy and forced them to flee from an entrenched and concealed position.



30 October 2010



The following Soldiers: SSG William Hall and SGT Aaron Henningfeld (C/2-502 IN) earned the Army Commendation Medal with Valor when they distinguished themselves by exceptionally valorous service in 2nd platoon, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment.

SSG Hall's platoon, that included SGT Henningfeld's team, conducted a mounted patrol in support of Operation River STRIKE, departing from Strong Point Lakokhel en-route to Strong Point Ghundy Ghar. En-route to Strong Point Ghundy Ghar the patrol was attacked by an insurgent improvised explosive device (IED) that disabled one vehicle.

As the patrol leader, SSG Hall quickly assessed the damage and reported the situation to higher. Maintaining situational awareness he received a status from the disabled vehicle then directed his Soldiers to dismount with him to recover the vehicle.

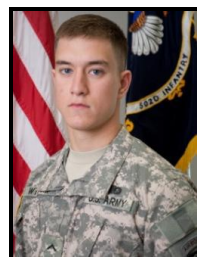
SGT Henningfeld and CPL Land dismounted in order to recover the disabled vehicle. Upon dismounting CPL Land started clearing up to the disabled vehicle when he stepped on a secondary pressure plate IED. CPL Land was killed on impact and three additional Soldiers were wounded, requiring MEDEVAC.



Despite being blown to the ground from the blast and suffering from severe disorientation, SGT Henningfeld quickly regained his composure and aided SSG Hall, who was one of three Soldiers wounded by the second blast, in reassessing the situation. SSG Hall directed SGT Henningfeld to establish a security posture in order to avoid any possible tertiary IEDs and mitigate the effects of a possible complex attack. With security established, SGT Henningfeld simultaneously helped SSG Hall recover wounded Soldiers out of the kill zone, stabilized the wounded, provided information to SSG Hall for a 13-Line MEDEVAC report, and assisted in securing a hasty helicopter landing zone (HLZ) site. The timeliness of SSG Hall's 13-Line allowed the MEDEVAC assets to arrive on site in less than fifteen minutes, ensuring the wounded Soldiers' survival.

Over a period of four hours, SSG Hall and SGT Henningfeld demonstrated steadfast composure and aided in the establishment of command and control on a chaotic battlefield. During this time, they coordinated and directed rotary wing overwatch assets, a Battalion QRF, two vehicle recovery assets and two MEDEVAC helicopters.

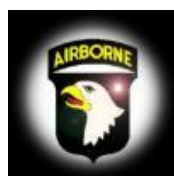
01 November 2010



PFC Philip Wysocki (A/1-502 IN) earned the Silver Star Medal when he distinguished himself with heroism, valor, and exceptionally meritorious service under heavy and sustained enemy fire while assigned as a rifleman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Zharay District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

PFC Wysocki and his squad were returning to their outpost from a dismounted patrol when a motorcycle vehicle borne improvised explosive device detonated, immediately killing two Soldiers, while also wounding his squad leader and both team leaders. After the initial explosion, PFC Wysocki quickly moved to assist the casualties. He moved SPC Jonathan Curtis and confirmed that he was killed in action. PFC Wysocki then moved to SGT Ryan Louviere, assessed his wounds and applied tourniquets on both of his legs, successfully controlling the bleeding.

At this time, the patrol came under heavy enemy fire from an estimated seven positions. With blatant disregard for his own safety, PFC Wysocki moved under fire, dragging SGT Louviere behind cover. He then moved back into enemy fire and dragged SPC Curtis to cover. PFC Wysocki established and secured a hasty casualty collection point, providing





a link-up point for a mounted casualty platform to move to, ultimately securing the casualties to safety and aid. PFC Wysocki then moved back into enemy fire for a third time, scanning the area for equipment from the casualties before consolidating it with the remainder of the element, ensuring that no equipment would fall into enemy hands.

The patrol had been in heavy contact for approximately 35 minutes, while PFC Wysocki in the absence of his squad and team leaders, was directing sectors and rates of fire, continuously pointing out enemy personnel to the squad as they presented themselves. The patrol fought and controlled the area under the guidance of PFC Wysocki until reinforcing elements arrived at the position. PFC Wysocki reported to the reinforcing leaders on the ground, providing a detailed assessment and status of both enemy and friendly elements.

His action ensured the continuity and effectiveness of the newly arrived forces on the ground, ultimately repelling the enemy's assault. His efforts ensured all remaining personnel were able to retrograde to the outpost without further injury. PFC Wysocki's actions in the absence of leadership reflect greatly on his character. He is a Soldier that lives the Warrior Ethos and undoubtedly saved the lives of his fellow Soldiers, while continuously risking his own.



01 November 2010



The following Soldiers: SFC Matthew Tucker earned the Bronze Star Medal with Valor; SSG Brandon Griffis and PFC Mitchell Mancine (A/1-502 IN) earned the Army Commendation Medal with Valor when they distinguished themselves with heroism, valor, and exceptionally meritorious service under heavy enemy fire while assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment.

Company A's dismounted patrol was returning to Combat Outpost Senjaray when they were struck by a motorcycle borne IED, immediately killing two Soldiers and wounding four. Moments later the enemy followed with a complex attack on the outpost while pinning down the dismounted patrol.



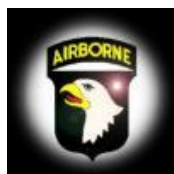
The force of the explosion blew PFC Mancine nearly ten feet off the road that he was securing at the time. After quickly assessing the situation, PFC Mancine ran into the outpost to alert the company before returning to the scene to assist the wounded.

SFC Tucker was the first Soldier to respond to the attack from the outpost. He quickly began engaging enemy positions and directing Soldiers to covered and concealed locations as they began arriving shortly after him. With the inability to fully identify the enemy's disposition, he moved under direct fire to an uncovered position.



SSG Griffis quickly organized his squad, rushing toward the entrance of the outpost, when they came under enemy contact from an estimated seven enemy positions. Realizing they needed assistance, he reinforced the guard tower at the entrance of the outpost, which also put him in a position to assess the fight. SSG Griffis identified two enemy machine gun positions.

Without hesitation, he stepped outside of cover into direct enemy fire and fired two 84mm Rockets neutralizing the enemy positions. Now with visibility over the enemy's fighting positions, SFC Tucker began maneuvering over a platoon's worth of US and Afghan Soldiers putting them in positions to mass fires and preventing the enemy from advancing on the outpost and the isolated squad.



SFC Tucker identified the location of the isolated squad and the wounded from the amount of fire coming from that position. Realizing the severity of the situation and the number of wounded that had been sustained; he quickly organized a squad to reinforce the position. SSG Griffis again took his squad from their defensive positions to the entrance of the outpost. Under direct enemy fire, and with disregard for his own safety, SSG Griffis led his squad out into the open to reach the isolated squad. SFC Tucker led his element out into the open under heavy enemy fire until he reached the isolated squad.



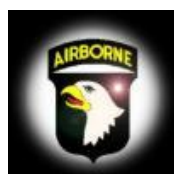
As PFC Mancine moved back across the road, the patrol came under heavy enemy fire. PFC Mancine moved in front of the wounded and immediately killed two enemy combatants firing on their position. Although under heavy enemy fire, PFC Mancine continued to provide security for the wounded from an uncovered position until they were able to be evacuated to the outpost.

With the wounded receiving aid, PFC Mancine moved to cover on a berm and continued to suppress the multiple enemy positions. Several minutes later, he realized that his patrol no longer had communication with the Company Headquarters, as the explosion had damaged all radios. Without guidance, PFC Mancine used his M203 and fired a red star cluster into the air, as per the company's standard operating procedure, signaling the patrol's location, that they had no radio communication, and were in contact with the enemy.

PFC Mancine took charge of the Soldiers around him and took up the duties of a team leader, spreading the remaining Soldiers out along the berm to cover from enemy fire, which continued for 35 minutes before an element was able to reinforce the position. Once reinforcements arrived, PFC Mancine and the patrol retrograded under fire to the outpost with the remaining personnel and equipment.

Under direct enemy fire, and with disregard for his own safety, SSG Griffis led his squad out into the open to reach the isolated squad. Once reaching their position he immediately established security while being engaged from seven enemy positions and began assisting the wounded Soldiers.

Continuing to disregard his own safety even after being struck in the Kevlar by an enemy round, SFC Tucker repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to direct elements on the ground facilitating the evacuation of all casualties, while continuing to suppress the enemy.



SSG Griffis immediately evacuated one of the wounded Soldiers up an embankment to an evacuation vehicle while exposing himself to enemy fire. He then returned to assist the other wounded. SSG Griffis facilitated the evacuation of the remaining wounded, as well as the isolated squad, by maintaining an uncovered position at the blast site directing enemy fire away from the evacuating Soldiers. 207

Once all casualties were evacuated, SFC Tucker ordered the remainder of the isolated squad to withdraw while he stayed with his men in an attempt to direct enemy fire away from the withdrawing element. Only then did he break contact, and was the last Soldier to enter the outpost. Once returning to the outpost, SFC Tucker again took control of more than a Platoon size element and placed them back into positions to reengage the enemy.

The actions of SFC Tucker, SSG Griffis, and PFC Mancine undoubtedly saved the lives of several of their fellow Soldiers.

01 November 2010



The following Soldiers: PFC Casey Stermer and PFC Tyler Thorne (A/1-502 IN) earned the Army Commendation Medal with Valor when they distinguished themselves with heroism, valor, and exceptionally meritorious service under heavy enemy fire while assigned with Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Zharay District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

PFC Stermer and PFC Thorne and their squad were returning to their outpost from a dismounted patrol when a motorcycle vehicle borne improvised explosive device detonated, immediately killing two Soldiers, and wounding their squad leader and both team leaders. PFC Stermer immediately moved to PFC Andrew Meari's location to provide first aid, while PFC Thorne moved to SPC Aaron Murray, the platoon medic, and provided direction to the casualties on site.

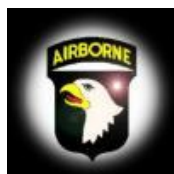


PFC Stermer did what he could, applying tourniquets to stop bleeding, before it was determined that PFC Meari was killed in action. After directing the medic to the casualties, he moved to secure an avenue of approach for the casualty evacuation vehicle. Once the vehicle reached the casualties, PFC Thorne ran back to the site and began assisting casualties with PFC Stermer. Shortly thereafter, the patrol came under heavy enemy fire from an estimated seven positions.

PFC Stermer and PFC Thorne returned fire and with blatant disregard for his own safety, PFC Thorne covered PFC Stermer as he moved across an open field to assist two other Soldiers with loading casualties onto the evacuation vehicle, which had been brought from the outpost. PFC Thorne then moved under fire across the open area himself, further providing covering fire for the casualties as they were taken back to the outpost.

As the casualty evacuation vehicle moved back to the outpost, PFC Stermer assessed that the heaviest volume of enemy fire was coming from the west. PFC Stermer then moved to the squad's west flank and suppressed the enemy with his M249 automatic rifle. PFC Thorne and PFC Stermer fought and controlled the area with the remainder of their squad for 35 minutes before another element was able to reinforce the position. Their contributions resulted in the successful evacuation of all casualties to the outpost as well as repelling the enemy assault.

PFC Stermer and PFC Thorne's disregard for their own safety to help save the lives of their fellow Soldiers reflects greatly on their character. They are Soldiers who live the Warrior Ethos, epitomize bravery, and set the example for their fellow Soldiers.



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1SG Lonny L. Hayes (C/1-502 IN) earned the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for distinguished actions in combat while performing another mission, 1SG Hayes responded promptly and without hesitation to a catastrophic IED strike of CSM Edwards' PSD. He was instrumental in providing security and assisted with three MEDEVACs. He personally recovered two U.S. KIA's from a canal by diving in the water with all of his gear on to pull them out along with sensitive items lost from the blast. 1SG Hayes, while establishing security, discovered the trigger point site and detained four AIF suspected of being responsible for the blast. The trigger device, a sand table, and several hundreds of meters of copper wire were recovered. When an IED detonated 10 meters from his position, underneath a HEMMT, 1SG Hayes received wounds to his legs and the AIF then engaged from two different directions with small arms fire. While under fire with enemy rounds impacting all around him, 1SG Hayes, without regard for his own life, maneuvered out from cover to check the drivers of the HEMMT. Still under fire, 1SG Hayes moved out from cover to direct PSD to engage one target then moved back to his platoon vehicles 200 meters away to engage the other. Through 45 minutes of sustained combat, 1SG Hayes continued to direct 240B and .50 caliber MG fire on the AIF. While under fire, he maneuvered one squad to move in on the enemy, directed the safeguard of four AIF detainees, and continued to direct fire moving out from cover on at least three occasions.

**\*STRIKE HISTORY NOTE:**

A major reorganization took place on 3 February 1964, when the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division was activated at Fort Campbell, replacing the 1st Airborne Battle Group, 501st Infantry Regiment. The reorganization from the battle groups to brigades and battalions placed two battalions of the 502<sup>nd</sup> in different brigades of the 101<sup>st</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade with 1-327<sup>th</sup> and 2-327<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Which deployed to Vietnam 1965, in was most notable commanded by LTC Hank "The Gunfighter" Emerson. The new 2nd Brigade's original organic battalions were the 1st and 2d Battalions, 501st Infantry, and the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry.

December 1967, 2nd Brigade deployed by C-141 aircraft to the Republic of Vietnam. Over the next five years, soldiers of the "Ready to Go" Brigade participated in twelve campaigns, compiling a distinguished combat record as well as an enviable reputation for success in the rehabilitation of a war-torn nation. The President of Vietnam personally decorated the colors of the Brigade three times, twice with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and once with the RVN Civic Action Honor Medal. The Brigade redeployed to Fort Campbell in April, 1972.

In 1984, with the reorganization of the Combat Arms Regimental System, the 2nd Brigade became the parent headquarters for the 1st, 2nd, and 3d Battalions of the 502nd Infantry Regiment. With this reorganization, the Brigade adopted the regimental motto, "Strike."

