



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

(WITH COMBAT DISTINGUISHING DEVICE)
(POSTHUMOUSLY)

TO

LANCE CORPORAL GREGORY P. RUND
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR

HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS FIRE TEAM LEADER, 2D SQUAD, 2D PLATOON, INDIA COMPANY, 3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 1, 1ST MARINE DIVISION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM II ON 17 OCTOBER 2004. LANCE CORPORAL RUND UNHESITATINGLY PLACED HIMSELF IN HARMS WAY TO ENSURE A SAFE WITHDRAWAL FOR THE MEMBERS OF HIS SQUAD WHO WERE HEAVILY ENGAGED BY THE ENEMY. LANCE CORPORAL RUND BRAVELY EMPLOYED HEAVY MACHINE GUN FIRE ON INSURGENT POSITIONS WHILE LEADING HIS SQUAD OUT OF POSITIONS VULNERABLE TO DEVASTATING ENEMY FIRES. HIS LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND COURAGE UNDER FIRE EXEMPLIFIED THOSE TYPICALLY DISPLAYED BY WELL SEASONED NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS. HIS COURAGEOUS EFFORTS TO DESTROY THE ENEMY WERE WELL KNOWN ACROSS THE BATTLEFIELD. LANCE CORPORAL RUND'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

GIVEN THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard F. Natonski".

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
RICHARD F. NATONSKI
MAJOR GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST MARINE DIVISION