

NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

DET 4 (FWD), HHC (-), 2<sup>ND</sup> BN (M), 152<sup>ND</sup> INFANTRY

DATE OF INCIDENT: 29 November 2006

STAFF SERGEANT PATRICK K. SHANNON

Staff Sergeant Patrick K. Shannon, United States Army distinguished himself by demonstrating the highest-level of Meritorious Achievement, Personal Courage and Selfless Service in the performance of his duties as Team Leader, Police Transition Team of 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, Detachment 4 (Forward) HHC (-) 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Mechanized) 152<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, Camp Ar Ramadi, from 20061111 to 20061211 during OPERATION IRAQ FREEDOM 2006-2007.

Placing himself in harm's way and ensuring the safety of his Soldier's, he directed his men to a safety and assisted in directing Iraq Police during an insurgent attack in the Al Anbar Provenience, Al Huryia Iraqi Police Station.

On 29 November 2006, Staff Sergeant was working at the Al Hury, Al Anbar Provenience, Iraqi Police Station, when his Team of 19 Soldiers and 70 Iraq Policemen as the station came under attack by a barrage of enemy mortars. The incoming Indirect fire mortars exploded within 20 meters of his immediate position, showering his men, himself, and vehicle with smoke, debris, and Shrapnel.

Although unknown to him, suffering from a Grade II Concussion, Hearing Loss and Impaired Vision from the Insurgent attack, Staff Sergeant Shannon continued to set the example by directing and positioning 19 of his Soldiers and 70 of his Iraqi Police Comrades, to assume defensive positions. Following the initial attack and being injured, Staff Sergeant Shannon continued his mission as the Police Transition Team Leader by leading and directing his men to move the wounded to safety and coordinated their movement to the Level II Medical Treatment Facility. The Iraqi Police Station Chief was among one of the individuals that Staff Sergeant ensured made it to a safe location.

Staff Sergeant Shannon's exceptional, Leadership, Selfless Service, Courage, Heroism, Professional Attributes in the performance of his duties, reflect great credit upon himself, this Company, the 89<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade and the United States Army.