



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

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER THREE JERRY D. SARTIN
FOR
GALLANTRY IN ACTION

FROM 20 JANUARY 2007 TO 20 JANUARY 2007

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH 2007

RAYMOND T. ODIERNO
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding
PO 068-1133, 9 MARCH 2007



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE

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Chief Warrant Officer Three Jerry D. Sartin, United States Army, distinguished himself by extraordinary gallantry in action as a UH-60 Blackhawk Pilot in Command and Air Mission Commander in Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 131st Aviation Regiment, 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, Logistical Support Area Anaconda, Balad, Iraq on 20 January 2007 during Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. After noticing a trail of smoke on the horizon, CW3 Sartin received a radio call which announced a "Fallen Angel", indicating that an aircraft had been engaged by the enemy and was unable to continue flight. CW3 Sartin, the air mission commander, made the immediate decision to divert his flight of two aircraft to the engagement area in order to assist the crew of the damaged aircraft. Upon arrival at the engagement area, the crew identified the downed aircraft and CW3 Sartin quickly directed his flight to provide over watch in order to protect the downed aircraft and identify the enemy combatants. Under CW3 Sartin's command the flight executed a series of interlocking figure eight patterns. The enemy combatants were identified as they attempted to flee the engagement area. Without hesitation, CW3 Sartin directed the flight to pursue and engage the enemy. The flight began to receive concentrated enemy fire. Throughout the ensuing intense engagement, CW3 Sartin commanded the flight, safely and successfully flew his aircraft, and avoided small arms fire, antiaircraft and rocket propelled grenade attacks. CW3 Sartin's piloting skills allowed his gunners to successfully engage and destroy the enemy combatants with a

constant barrage of machine gun fire. Following the engagement, CW3 Sartin landed his helicopter at Easy 40's three o'clock position, placing his aircraft between Easy 40 and the last known enemy position. CW3 Sartin directed the flight to deploy recovery and security forces to establish and secure the perimeter and assist with crew and personnel recovery. Although the Easy 40 crew and passengers could not be recovered, CW3 Sartin directed the flight to remain on station as long possible, until fuel levels were critically low, allowing the rescue team to recover sensitive items. While under his command, CW3 Sartin's flight was instrumental in keeping the enemy at bay, providing recovery efforts maximum security at the crash site. CW3 Sartin's actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 131st Aviation Regiment, 36th Combat Aviation Brigade and the United States Army.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE

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FOR VALOROUS ACHIEVEMENT IN AERIAL FLIGHT DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 06-08. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER THREE SARTIN'S HEROIC ACTIONS AND PILOTING SKILLS DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN IRAQ CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERWHELMING SUCCESS OF PREVENTING FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE ON 20 JANUARY 2007. HIS BRAVERY IN ATTEMPTING THE RESCUE OF EASY 40 CREW IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY HEROISM AND REFLECTS DISTINCT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 1ST BATTALION, 131ST AVIATION REGIMENT, THE 36TH COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.