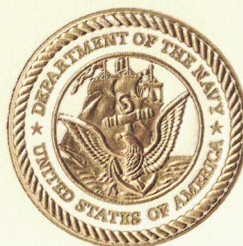


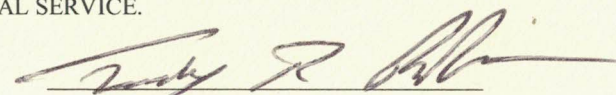


**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT**  
**THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE**  
**NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**  
**TO**  
**CORPORAL NICHOLAS J. MINER**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
**FOR**

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ASSAULT SECTION LEADER, WEAPONS PLATOON, LIMA COMPANY, BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/2, 26TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT, FROM 9 MARCH 2013 TO 7 NOVEMBER 2013. DURING THIS PERIOD, CORPORAL MINER WAS A CRUCIAL ASSET TO THE COMPANY, TAKING AN INTEGRAL PART IN THE PLANNING, DEVELOPING AND EXECUTION OF SEVERAL TRAINING EXERCISES THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT. HIS DEDICATION AND UNMATCHED PROFICIENCY WERE PARAMOUNT IN TURNING THE ASSAULT SECTION INTO AN EXTREMELY VERSATILE AND LETHAL UNIT. UNDER HIS CHARGE, THE ASSAULT SECTION PERFORMED REMARKABLY WELL DURING THREE DEMOLITION RANGES AND AS A PROVISIONAL RIFLE SQUAD DURING A LIVE-FIRE SQUAD-SUPPORTED ATTACK. FURTHERMORE, CORPORAL MINER'S UNPARALLELED LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO MENTORING AND DEVELOPING HIS MARINES HAS VASTLY INCREASED THE WARFIGHTING CAPABILITIES OF HIS SECTION. HE HAS HAD A PROFOUND, POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE COMPANY'S MISSION READINESS. CORPORAL MINER'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 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2014



  
FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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