

*Alpha Company, 9th Battalion,
101st Aviation Regiment*



*Operation Iraqi Freedom
Awards Ceremony
May 1, 2004*

Order of Events

Introductions.....CPT Blevins

Opening Remarks.....CPT Blevins

Presentation of Awards.....CPT Blevins

1SG Sparks

Battalion Commander Comments.....LTC Jones

OIF Slide Show

Black Widow Association Presentation....Frank Linster

Dick Detra

Closing Remarks.....CPT Blevins

*“We have a rendezvous with
destiny...”*

Black Widow OIF Veterans

Headquarters

CPT Jason B. Blevins, Commander

SFC Terry L. Sparks, First Sergeant

2LT David Driskell, Executive Officer

CW3 Gregory Clore, Standardizations Pilot

CW3 Jeffery Damrow, Aviation Safety Officer

CW2 Keith Eller, Company Maintenance Pilot

1st Flight

1LT Shane Schmutz, Platoon Leader

SFC Ryan Miller, Platoon Sergeant

CW2 Gregory Thomsen, Instructor Pilot

CW2 Brian Lackey

CW2 Frank Hillenberg

CW2 Ruben Rivera

CW2 Jacob Baird

CW2 J.P. Emmons

CW2 Neil Austin

WO1 Tony Marquez

WO1 Edward Griffie

SGT Dennis Hart

SGT Randy Beyer

SGT Preston Rader

SGT Rafael Lopez

CPL Jason Young

SPC Edgar Alvarado

SPC Joshua Branum

SPC Aaron Arvin

SPC Shaun Hancock

SPC Jason Harrison

SPC Lee Patrick

SPC Ronnie Wilson

SPC Jason Wood

2nd Flight

2LT Jamie Niles, Platoon Leader

SFC Todd Manske, Platoon Sergeant

CW2 Denver Sizemore, Instructor Pilot

CW2 Victoria Uptegraft

CW2 Mark Jackson

CW2 David Jones

CW2 Joel Fonseca

CW2 Evan Shipton

CW2 John Harmser

WO1 Jeffery Metter

WO1 Thomas Russo

SGT Jesus Ceballos

SGT Lizardo Leyva

SGT Joseph Navarrette

SGT Johnny Nacis

CPL Chad Mawhirter

SPC John Barton

SPC Dan DiMarco

SPC Joshua Kammerdiener

SPC Ben Knoepke

SPC Jacob Liddle

SPC Joshua Lyle

SPC Nathan Schmidt

SPC Christopher Thompson

SPC Justin Wagner

PFC Corey Rhodes

Former Black Widow OIF Veterans

CPT Frederick J. Dufault

CPT John Schmitt

CPT Rizwan Shah

SFC Scott Hargis

CW4 Dean Wood

CW3 Mark York

CW2 Josh Parrott

CW3 James Costello

CW3 Robert Kendall

CW2 Charles Edlin

CW2 Jeremy Hatt

CW2 John Hickein

CW2 Chris Bentzel

CW2 Stephen Harper

CW2 Cesar Ramos

CW2 Brian Edwards

SGT Ryan Nelson

CPL John Wheeler

SPC Michael Byrn

SPC Michael Clark

SPC Jeremy Harrington

SPC Nathan Hale



The Bronze **Star** Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity **in or with** the Army of the United States after 6 December 1941, **distinguished** himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement **or** service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection **with** military operations against an armed enemy; or while engaged in **military** operations involving conflict with an opposing armed force **in which** the United States is not a belligerent party.

The Air Medal is awarded **to** any person who, while serving in any capacity **in or with** the U.S. Army, will have distinguished himself **or herself** by meritorious achievement while participating in **aerial** flight. Awards may be made to recognize single acts of **merit** or heroism, or for meritorious service **as** described below.



The ARCOM **is** awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States **who**, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguishes himself or herself by heroism, meritorious achievement **or** meritorious service. Award may be made to a member of the Armed **Forces** of a friendly foreign nation who, after 1 June 1962, distinguishes himself or herself by an act of heroism, extraordinary achievement, **or** meritorious service which has been of mutual benefit to **a** friendly nation and the United States.



The Global **War** on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is awarded to soldiers **who** deploy abroad for service in the global war on terrorism operations on or after 11 SEP 01 to a date to be determined. **Initial** award is limited to soldiers deployed abroad in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The Global **War** on Terrorism Service Medal is awarded to soldiers **who** have participated in or served in support of global **war** on terrorism operations outside the designated AOE on or after 11 SEP 01 to a date to be determined. **Initial** award of the GWOTSM will be limited to airport security operations (from 27 Sep 01 through 31 May 02) and soldiers who supported Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

