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FIFTH ENDORSEMENT on XO, H&S Co, 2d TankBn ltr 1650 H&S of  
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From: Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)

Subj: NOMINATION FOR SERGEANT MAJOR WILBUR BESTWICK AWARD IN  
CASE OF GUNNERY SERGEANT /1812 USMC

1. Forwarded recommended with enthusiasm for selection for the  
Sergeant Major Bestwick Award.

*J. M. McNeal*  
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Deputy Chief of Staff



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FOURTH ENDORSEMENT on XO, H&S Co, 2d TankBn ltr 1650 H&S  
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From: Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force  
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Via: Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command

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K. J. STALDER



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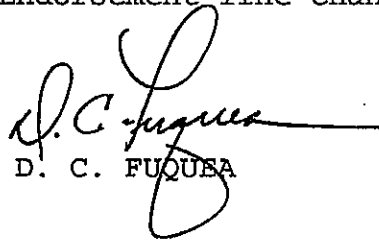
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THIRD ENDORSEMENT on XO, H&S Co, 2d TankBn ltr 1650 H&S of  
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From: Commander, 2d Marine Division  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force  
(2) Commander, Marine Forces Command

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1. Forwarded with enthusiasm. Endorsement line changed due to  
administrative correction.

  
D. C. FUQUA

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on Executive Officer, Headquarters and  
Service Company ltr 1650 H&S of 19 May 08

From: Commanding Officer, 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, 2d Marine Division  
(2) Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force  
(3) Commander, Marine Forces Command

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1. Gunnery Sergeant [redacted] has proven himself to be an indispensable asset to 2d Tank Battalion. His dynamic leadership, aggressive initiative, and unparalleled aptitude as both a tank crewman and a Staff Noncommissioned Officer have been the catalyst for many of the battalion's continued successes. I have known Gunnery Sergeant [redacted] for several years and he has always demonstrated that he is a Marine who sets the standard for others to follow. Throughout 2d Tank Battalion, Marines emulate Gunnery Sergeant [redacted] and strive to match his many noteworthy successes.

2. I enthusiastically recommend Gunnery Sergeant [redacted] for the Sergeant Major Wilbur Bestwick Award.

  
W. J. NEMETH



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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Executive Officer ltr 1650 H&S of 19 May 08

From: Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)  
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine  
Division  
(2) Commanding General, 2d Marine Division  
(3) Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force  
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1. Forwarded with the highest recommendation.

  
J. W. PELZER



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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (DIVPA/PAC)  
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company,  
2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division  
(2) Commanding Officer, 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine  
Division  
(3) Commanding General, 2d Marine Division  
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Ref: (a) MarAdmin 264/08

Encl: (1) Full length photograph  
(2) Head and shoulders portrait  
(3) Biography  
(4) Suggested citation  
(5) Signed statement of consent

1. Per the reference, the following personal information is provided:

a. Full name, rank and MOS code:

(1) , Gunnery Sergeant, 1812

b. Current duty station and assignment:

(1) 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division; Company  
Gunnery Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company

c. Current duty address, work email, work telephone and fax number:

(1) 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division  
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(2) Work email: @nmci.usmc.mil

(3) Work telephone: (910)451-1468

(4) Work fax: (910)451-5819

d. Current home Address, personal email and telephone number:

(1) Home address:

(2) Personal email:

(3) Telephone number:

e. Home of record:

(1)

f. Time in service:

(1) 13 years, 8 months

g. Name and address of unit during contribution:

(1) 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division  
PSC Box 20091  
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h. Spouse's name and location:

(1) Jacksonville, NC

i. Officer-in-Charge (OIC)/contact number:

(1) First Lieutenant Jeremy D. Moore: (910)451-6342

2. Gunnery Sergeant is enthusiastically recommended for the Sergeant Major Wilbur Bestwick Award for his outstanding contribution to the combat readiness of 2d Tank

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Battalion, 2d Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force from 01 January 2007 to 01 January 2008. Highlights of his accomplishments include:

a. Gunnery Sergeant currently holds the billet of Company Gunnery Sergeant for Headquarters and Service Company, 2d Tank Battalion. With over 520 Marines and Sailors assigned to the company, Headquarters and Service Company rivals the size of many battalions. On a daily basis, Gunnery Sergeant tracks and maintains the training records for all Marines and Sailors; monitors the medical and dental status for all personnel; supervises the management of the company barracks; conducts and supervises the company body composition program; implements a company-wide duty schedule, to include the post and relief of Duty Non-Commissioned Officers and watch standers; and ensures the fielding and training of all Military Transition Teams (MTT), Police Transition Teams (PTT), and Individual Augmentation (IA) billets sourced to Iraq and Afghanistan from the company. On many occasions, he assumes the duties of the Company First Sergeant and Company Executive Officer in their absence.

b. From 01 January 2007 to 23 April 2007, Gunnery Sergeant served as Platoon Sergeant for 2d Platoon, Company C, 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division, RCT-6, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08.2. During this period, Gunnery Sergeant led his section on over 70 combat patrols, always leading from the front and never flinching in the face of enemy fire. Although he was attacked frequently by all means available to Anti-Iraqi Forces (AIF), he never lost his nerve, often maneuvering to the aid of Coalition Forces in contact with the enemy. At the completion of a successful tour, he returned to Camp Lejeune, NC, ensuring 100% completion of all administrative, medical, and dental post-deployment requirements, quickly returning his platoon members to 100% readiness in anticipation of their next assignments.

c. During Calendar Year 2007, Gunnery Sergeant played a pivotal role in completing the annual training requirements of all Marines and Sailors within the company. He personally arranged, scheduled, and/or supervised the conduct of three Field Protective Mask confidence exercises, six rifle ranges,



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two Combat Marksmanship Coach's Courses, four swim qualifications, four M9 Pistol ranges, and over 20 Marine Corps physical fitness tests (PFT). His leadership by example and superior supervisory skills were the driving force behind the 100% completion of all required annual training for Calendar Year 2007.

d. The Marine Corps Body Composition Program (BCP) and Remedial Physical Conditioning Program (RPCP) are instrumental in establishing healthy weight and body fat standards that ensure all Marines are physically capable to perform their duties, and to ensure that those who do not meet the establish standards are properly counseled and motivated to do so. Gunnery Sergeant has been the lynchpin in the successful operation, supervision, and documentation of the company Body Composition Program (BCP), processing 11 BCP packages during Calendar Year 2007. His tireless administrative acumen and motivational leadership ensured that all Marines enrolled in the program either met their goals or were administratively processed appropriately. His efforts not only improved the combat readiness of the battalion, but were in the strictest keeping of Marine Corps standards.

e. As an M1A1 Master Gunner, Gunnery Sergeant actively participates in the semi-annual live-fire gunnery qualification of all tank companies within the battalion. Arguably the most important indicator of combat readiness for a deploying tank company, the completion of live-fire tank gunnery is a physically and mentally arduous, logistically intensive exercise, typically over three weeks in duration and supported by the entire battalion. Generally, all Master Gunners within the battalion comprise a board whose purpose is to grade the conduct of fire for each tank crew. During Calendar Year 2007, Gunnery Sergeant participated in four Gunnery Training Exercises, qualifying 22 tank crews and significantly contributing to the combat readiness of the battalion via the most substantial means possible.

f. From 18 August 2007 to 21 August 2007, Gunnery Sergeant functioned as the Headquarters and Service Company First sergeant for Exercise Eastern Diamondback, a battalion-level certification exercise for Company D. Gunnery Sergeant was instrumental in the establishment of the battalion assembly

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area, for which he controlled all vehicle and personnel movement. He additionally maintained 100 percent accountability of all weapons and personnel throughout the duration of the exercise, and ensured all Marines were given adequate ammunition, water, and chow. At the conclusion of the exercise, the battalion greatly improved its collective ability to command and control, and Company D was certified to deploy to Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08, largely as a result of the personal and logistical support provided by Gunnery Sergeant

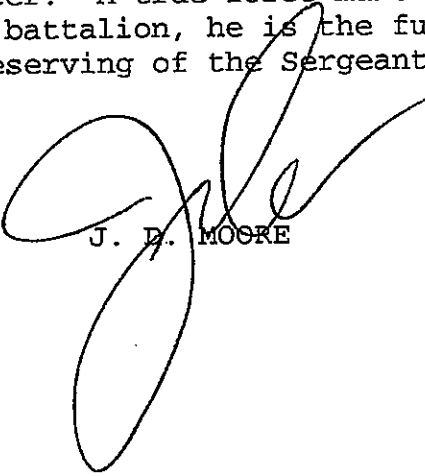
g. From 28 November 2007 to 30 November 2007, Gunnery Sergeant supervised the conduct of a company-level field exercise for selected Marines within Headquarters and Service Company. For three days, approximately 100 Marines sustained proficiency in mounted patrolling, dismounted patrolling, assembly area operations, and Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) tactics, techniques and procedures. Gunnery Sergeant scheduled training areas and ranges, supervised the instruction of classes and training events, and sustained the company logistically throughout the duration of the exercise. His foresight in the planning and execution of training assisted in the maintenance of skill sets brought back from numerous deployments, increasing the collective knowledge base of the company and greatly adding to the combat readiness of the battalion.

h. Often, Military Transition Teams, Police Transition Teams, and Individual Augmentation Billets are sourced by 2d Tank Battalion in order to fill the growing operational needs of 2d Marine Division. When Marines from Headquarters and Service Company are tasked with filling an operational billet, Gunnery Sergeant first coordinates with the Battalion Sergeant Major, ensuring that the billet is filled with personnel appropriate for the assignment. Subsequently, he personally oversees the administrative processing and completion of all requirements, to include Block I and II training, prior to the transfer of the Marines to their deploying units. During Calendar Year 2007, Gunnery Sergeant effectively sourced one MTT with four Marines, one PTT with five Marines, and 15 Individual Augmentation Billets in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. His tireless and unwavering attention-to-detail have not only enhanced the combat

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readiness of the battalion, but have greatly contributed to the mission of the Marine Corps Force Augmentation Cell as a whole.

3. Gunnery Sergeant is the epitome of a Marine Corps Staff Non-Commissioned Officer. A true force multiplier to combat readiness within the battalion, he is the future of the armor community, and most deserving of the Sergeant Major Wilbur Bestwick Award.



J. D. MOORE

**Gunnery Sergeant**  
United States Marine Corps

Gunnery Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_ was born on October 8, 1976 in \_\_\_\_\_. He graduated high school in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1994 and reported for Marine Corps Recruit Training, Parris Island, SC on September 13, 1994.

Following three weeks of Marine Combat Training, Gunnery Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_ reported for instruction at Armor Crewman's Course at Ft. Knox, KY in December of 1994. After graduation in April of 1995, he reported for duty with Company A, 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC.

In July of 2000, Gunnery Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_ reported for recruiting duty at Baltimore, MD. Following a successful tour, he returned to 2d Tank Battalion for duty with Company A in October of 2002.

In February of 2003, Gunnery Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_ deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF 1). Upon his return, he successfully completed Master Gunner's School at Ft. Knox, KY, returning in June of 2003 for duty with Company A.

While with Company A, Gunnery Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_ deployed again in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM from September 2004 to April 2005, taking part in Operation PHANTOM FURY.

Upon his return, Gunnery Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed the Family Readiness Staff Non-Commissioned Officer (FRESNCO) for 2d Tank Battalion. In July of 2006, he was reassigned to Company C, where he again deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (05-07/06-08) from October 2006 to April 2007.

Upon his return, Gunnery Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_ was assigned to H&S Company as the Company Gunnery Sergeant, where he remains today.

Gunnery Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_ personal awards include the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device (Gold Star in lieu of second award), the Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon, and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (3 bronze stars in lieu of fourth award).

**ENCLOSURE (3)**



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PROPOSED CITATION

FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO COMBAT READINESS WHILE SERVING AS COMPANY GUNNERY SERGEANT, HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY, 2D TANK BATTALION, 2D MARINE DIVISION, II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FROM 1 JANUARY 2007 TO 1 JANUARY 2008. DURING THIS PERIOD, GUNNERY SERGEANT [REDACTED] SERVED AS A FORCE MULTIPLIER TO THE COMBAT READINESS OF 2D TANK BATTALION THROUGH HIS MULTIFACETED ABILITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THROUGH EXPERT MANAGEMENT OF A COMPANY THAT RIVALS THE SIZE OF MOST BATTALIONS, GUNNERY SERGEANT [REDACTED] ENSURED THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF 100 PERCENT OF ALL QUARTERLY, SEMI-ANNUAL, AND ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2007. AS A SCHOOL-TRAINED MASTER GUNNER, GUNNERY SERGEANT [REDACTED] PARTICIPATED IN THE EVALUATION OF 22 TANK CREWS ON 4 SEPARATE SEMI-ANNUAL GUNNERY TRAINING EXERCISES DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR, ARGUABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT INDICATOR OF COMBAT READINESS FOR A DEPLOYING TANK COMPANY. IN ADDITION TO HIS TRADITIONAL DUTIES, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR HAS REQUIRED THE BATTALION TO SOURCE MARINES FOR MILITARY TRANSITION TEAMS, POLICE TRANSITION TEAMS, AND INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTATION BILLETS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND ENDURING FREEDOM. GUNNERY SERGEANT [REDACTED] HAS BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND IDENTIFYING MARINES TO FILL THESE BILLETS AND ENSURING THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE, MEDICAL, AND PRE-DEPLOYMENT READINESS, TO INCLUDE COMPLETION BLOCK I AND II TRAINING PRIOR TO TRANSFERRING TO THEIR DEPLOYING UNITS. NOT ONLY HAS GUNNERY SERGEANT [REDACTED] SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED THE COMBAT READINESS OF 2D TANK BATTALION, BUT HE HAS GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE MISSION SUCCESS OF THE MARINE CORPS' FORCE AUGMENTATION CELL AS WELL. GUNNERY SERGEANT [REDACTED] 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.

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Gunnery Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize the release of all information enclosed in this nomination package to those persons involved in the selection process.

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Signature

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Date