



# 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 EXECUTIVE ORDER, 24 AUGUST 1962 HAS AWARDED

## THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TO

CAPTAIN JOSHUA D. FOWLER, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 716TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN A COMBAT ZONE WITH EXPOSURE TO RISK OF HOSTILE ACTION DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HIS OUTSTANDING DUTY PERFORMANCE DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN IRAQ CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERWHELMING SUCCESS OF THE COMMAND'S MISSION. HIS ACTIONS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS-IRAQ, AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

FROM: 13 JUNE 2008 TO 10 DECEMBER 2008

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2008

LLOYD J. AUSTIN III  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding  
PO 352-006, 17 DECEMBER 2008



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Captain Joshua D. Fowler, United States Air Force, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Air Force, as Battalion Electronic Warfare Officer and Counter-IED Officer of the 716th Military Police Battalion from 13 June 2008 to 10 December 2008 during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 07-09.

As Counter-IED Officer and Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO), Captain Fowler was instrumental in the success of the 716th MP Battalion during combat operations in Iraq. His ability to provide timely and accurate analysis to over 1,300 Soldiers and Airmen of the Battalion on five forward operating bases and camps across Western Baghdad and Western Iraq saved lives. He accomplished this while exposed to extreme hazards as he was constantly moving across the battlefield, staying in physical contact with each of the Battalion's nine companies. Captain Fowler dedicated numerous hours researching and analyzing information from IED attacks within MND-B and MNF-W. His efforts in providing information and training to the entire Battalion, including Staff and Commanders, concerning current enemy TTPs resulted in situational understanding on how to evade and/or identify IEDs. He developed company level Electronic Warfare competency through training and certification of seventeen Communications Specialists to serve as Company Electronic Warfare Representatives, multiplying his capability and maintenance efficiency across the Battalion. Captain Fowler devised and provided CREW and Counter-IED (C-IED) training to hundreds of Soldiers and Airmen throughout the Battalion. This C-IED training was tailored to units' AOs; routes traveled and consisted of classified intelligence on pertinent IED activity. He encompassed training lanes to practice TTPs and provide hands-on training. Captain Fowler oversaw maintenance of over 450 CREW systems. He eliminated legacy systems through replacement with the latest CREW devices. This gave Soldiers and Airmen in the Battalion a larger and more effective protective radius during their missions. Captain Fowler provided oversight and coordination for exchange of over 100 MNF-W CREW systems allowing reassigned Companies proper interoperability with MND-SE CREW devices. Captain Fowler quickly reacted to Company IED strikes, capturing for analysis critical raw electronic intelligence data recorded by CREW devices. He then assisted BN Commander and staff in understanding IED analyst products in order to evolve unit TTPs to react to new enemy tactics. As an integral part of the operation, Captain Fowler took on challenge after challenge, resulting in success after success. He succeeded in a unique position that directly protected lives of Soldiers and Airmen everyday as they left their FOBs and camps, thus enabling mission success conducted by Military Police Soldiers and Security Forces Airmen throughout this Battalion across MND-B and MNF-W.

Captain Joshua D. Fowler's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon himself, Multi-National Corps-Iraq and the United States Air Force.

**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF**

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

**CAPTAIN JOSHUA D. FOWLER, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AS THE BATTALION ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER, 716th MILITARY POLICE BATTALION, MULTI-NATIONAL FORCES - IRAQ, BAGHDAD, IRAQ FROM 13 JUNE 2008 TO 10 DECEMBER 2008 DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. CAPTAIN JOSHUA D. FOWLER'S ACTIONS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT DISTINCT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF. THE 716th MILITARY POLICE BATTALION, THE 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS - IRAQ AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.**