



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (WITH COMBAT DISTINGUISHING DEVICE)

TO

MASTER-AT-ARMS SECOND CLASS (SEA, AIR AND LAND) MICHAEL A. MONSOOR
UNITED STATES NAVY
FOR

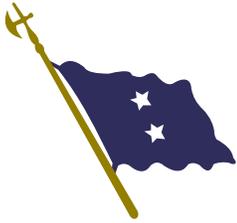
HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT FROM 12 APRIL TO 29 SEPTEMBER 2006

GIVEN THIS 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2006




FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

J. MAGUIRE
REAR ADMIRAL, UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDER, NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND



**COMMANDER
NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND**

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the **BRONZE STAR MEDAL** posthumously to

**MASTER-AT-ARMS SECOND CLASS (SEA, AIR AND LAND)
MICHAEL A. MONSOOR
UNITED STATES NAVY**

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For heroic achievement in connection with combat operations against the enemy as Task Unit Ramadi, Iraq, Combat Advisor for Naval Special Warfare Task Group - Arabian Peninsula in Support of Operation IRQAI FREEDOM from April to September 2006. On 11 different operations, Petty Officer Monsoor exposed himself to heavy enemy fire while shielding his teammates with suppressive fire. He aggressively stabilized each chaotic situation with focused determination and uncanny tactical awareness. Each time insurgents assaulted his team with small arms fire or rocket propelled grenades, he quickly assessed the situation, determined the best course of action to counter the enemy assaults, and implemented his plan to gain the best tactical advantage. His selfless, decisive, heroic actions resulted in 25 enemy killed and saved the lives of his teammates, other Coalition Forces and Iraqi Army soldiers. By his extraordinary guidance, zealous initiative, and total dedication to duty, Petty Officer Monsoor reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorizes.

For the President,

J. MAGUIRE
Rear Admiral, United States Navy
Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command