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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward)
Via: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward)

Subj: COMBAT MERITORIOUS PROMOTION TO SERGEANT; IN CASE OF CORPORAL JOSHUA J. FRAZIER; 231432916/0311

Ref: MCO P1400.32c

Encl: (1) Meritorious Promotion Board Record Data Sheet
(2) Current Official Deployed Formal Promotion Photograph
(3) Current BIR/BTR
(4) Current MCI Screen
(5) Awards Screen
(6) Page 11s, 12s, 13s from SRB

1. Per the reference, Corporal Frazier is eligible and enthusiastically recommended for combat meritorious promotion to Sergeant. Accordingly, the enclosures are submitted as required.

2. Corporal Frazier's height and weight are 72 inches and 200 pounds. He last took a physical fitness test on 14 June 2006 and obtained the following score:

Pull-ups	Number:	18	Pts.	90
Crunches	Number:	100	Pts.	100
Run Time	Time	22:08	Pts.	75
	Total Points			255

3. Corporal Frazier is a squad leader in 4th platoon, Company A. His initial service was with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines commencing in June of 2003. He served there as an automatic rifleman, fireteam leader and squad leader. Additionally, he served as a Basic Urban Skills Training Instructor. During this period he deployed threetimes, the first as part of the Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, the second time as part of the Anti-Terrorism Battalion to Afghanistan during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and then to Fallujah, Iraq for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In June 2006, he reported for duty with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines and deployed with them as a squad leader, in September, for his second time in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

4. While assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, Corporal Frazier showed the maturity, motivation and proficiency necessary for his unit to send him to an assortment of service schools. These schools included schools such as 3rd Marine Division's Jungle Warfare Training Course and Decontamination Course, 2nd Marine Division's Infantry Squad Leader's Course and various local schools such as the Combat Shotgun Course, Combat Lifesaver's Course and the BUST Instructor Trainer's Course. He has demonstrated repeatedly the innate ability to teach the skills he was taught to the Marines assigned under him.

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5. During his deployment from September 2003 until May 2004, as part of the Unit Deployment Program, to Okinawa, Japan, Corporal Frazier was assigned as an automatic rifleman. He was selected to attend the Jungle Warfare Course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center. He was also a member of his battalion's runner-up squad in the Super Squad Competition. During this deployment, he participated in Operation BALICATAN in the Phillipines from February to April 2004. Here they trained the Phillipine Forces in Anti-Terrorism techniques and he was responsible for instruction on the M-249 SAW.

6. In the five months between the UDP deployment and his first combat deployment to Afghanistan for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in September 2004, he completed the Basic Urban Skills and Tactics Instructors Course and also the Combat Shotgun Course at SOTG, Camp Lejeune. During the deployment, he served as a fireteam leader. His company served as the Quick Reaction Force for Baghram Airbase. They conducted patrols around Baghram, and also prepared for and rehearsed heliborne QRF missions into Kabul to reinforce the embassy. Additionally, they conducted humanitarian missions supplying Afghanis with essentials, and conducted a successful show of force mission during the President of Pakistan's visit.

7. Corporal Frazier completed the Infantry Squad Leader's Course and Combat Lifesaver's Course prior to deploying in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in September 2005. He was assigned as a squad leader for operations in Fallujah. His squad assisted in providing security for MSR Lincoln, north of Karma where they conducted numerous cordon and searches, presence and ambush patrols, and security for two separate elections. The first was as a QRF element and the second as polling site security. He was meritoriously promoted to his present rank in December 2005. He checked in to 1st Battalion, 6th Marines in July 2006 and was initially assigned as a fire team leader in 3rd platoon, Company A. Just two weeks prior to deployment he was selected to lead a squad with 4th platoon and began to aggressively rehearse immediate action drills and patrolling techniques with his new squad to achieve an acceptable level of cohesion.

8. During his current deployment to Ar Ramadi, Iraq, Corporal Frazier has led his squad on over fifty patrols in the four months of the deployment, also serving rotations as Sergeant of the Guard with the company's guard force at its three fixed site locations. The squad has been successful in prosecuting presence patrols, conducting census operations, raids and during a recent cordon and search, helped to apprehend one of the battalion's high value targets who was responsible for financing insurgent operations. Additionally, his squad has killed four insurgents, detained four other suspected insurgent personnel, found three caches and many weapons, marked and reported seven possible improvised explosive devices along routes used by coalition forces, and located an insurgent observation post with an initiation device, copper wiring, video camera and prayer rug, just south of MSR Michigan near Checkpoint 295. Besides his responsibility for his squad's proficiency with kinetic operations, Corporal Frazier fosters in his squad a very personable demeanor when dealing with the local populace and earning their trust. In a recent overwatch operation, while his section was on its rest cycle, he noticed an elderly Iraqi struggling to complete some renovations to his downstairs and stepped in to help the man. The kindness of the act served to reinforce his emphasis on working with the people to his squad and is indicative of his commitment to helping defeat the insurgency by encouraging the people's support. His poise under pressure was evidenced not only during his leadership during engagements with the enemy but during two casualty evacuations he assisted in.

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9. Corporal Frazier is a mature, experienced and dedicated leader of Marines. He possesses bearing and a wealth of experience from which he draws on a daily basis to care for and prepare his Marines for combat. His natural leadership ability also assists him in imparting in his Marines the importance of the entire spectrum of engagement, from civil military operations to direct combat action against the enemy. He maintains a high degree of physical fitness and endurance, which allows him to lead from the front. He instills in his subordinates a high level of esprit and dedication to mission and each other. His leadership is an asset to his unit and to the Marine Corps, and his potential is unlimited. He is already performing the responsibilities of squad leader, a Sergeant's billet, with a truly remarkable degree of proficiency and is a "go-to" Marine when additional responsibilities or tasks must be assigned. His professionalism, keen decision-making ability and awareness of details in the preparation and execution of his assigned missions truly single him out from among a talented pool of corporals around him. I enthusiastically recommend him for combat meritorious promotion to Sergeant.

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