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Award submission: SGT Marquees A. Quick's Medal of Honor (Posthumous)

SGT Marquees A. Quick's extraordinary heroism on 19 August 2006 warrants the
Congressional Medal of Honor



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AO and Mission Overview

AO Description

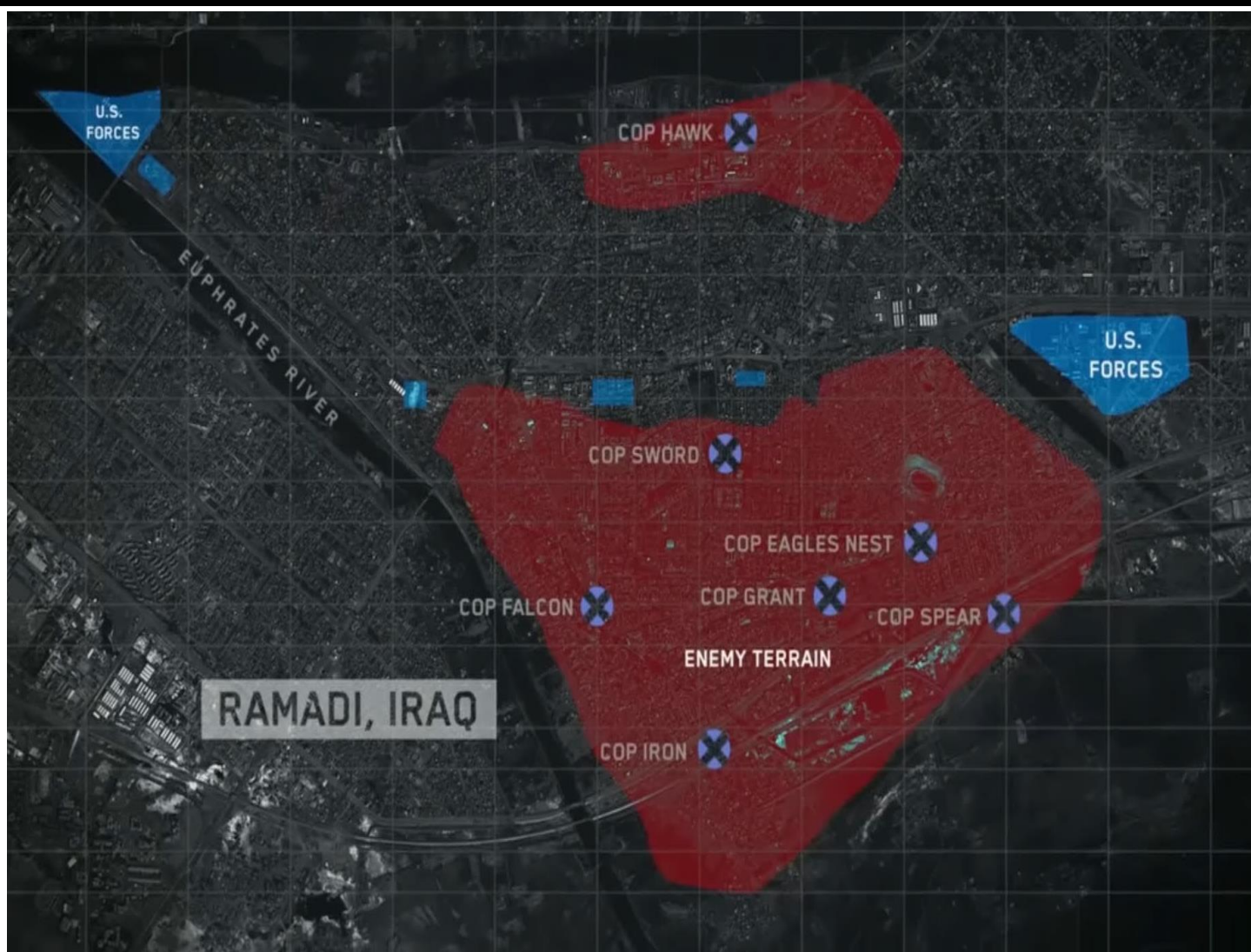
- Ar-Ramadi was the central hub of the Sunni insurgency in Iraq. Al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) controlled more than 70% of the city when 1/1 AD arrived in Spring of 2006.
- From June to August 2006, the Brigade averaged 46 enemy actions per day.
- The Area was comprised of dense urban environment with multi-story buildings in close proximity.
- Enemy Forces in the area were capable of complex operations including artillery fire, well coordinated ground attacks, ambushes, and emplacing highly effective Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).
- In June of 2006 1/1 AD began offensive operations to establish multiple Combat Outpost (COP) deep in enemy territory. COP Iron, Sword, Falcon, and Grant were occupied by small US forces to force AQI from the city.
- The Brigade Reconnaissance Troop conducted operations in every area of the Brigade's sector and suffered nearly 50% casualties wounded or killed in action.

Mission

- On 19 August 2006, 2nd Platoon conducted a specialized reconnaissance mission in support offensive operations in Southern Ramadi. The unit was tasked with identifying and eliminating insurgents emplacing IEDs on roads surrounding COP Grant.

CDR's Intent

- Engage and Destroy all insurgent teams attempting to place IEDs along the Main Supply Route to COP Grant. Neutralize enemy threats, provide overwatch, and maintain security amid high insurgent activity in a contested battlespace.



• AQI = Al-Qaeda in Iraq

• COP = Combat Outpost

• IED = Improvised Explosive Device

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Infiltration and Initial Actions

• Key Locations

- COP Grant: Start point for 2nd platoon's mission.
- Observation Post 1 (OP 1):
 - Two-story structure 2nd platoon occupied as an OP to observe a tier 1 IED site. OP1 is located at grid LB 4317 9849
 - Adjacent buildings cleared but inaccessible

• Timeline of Events:

• 0230 – 0400 hours:

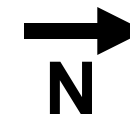
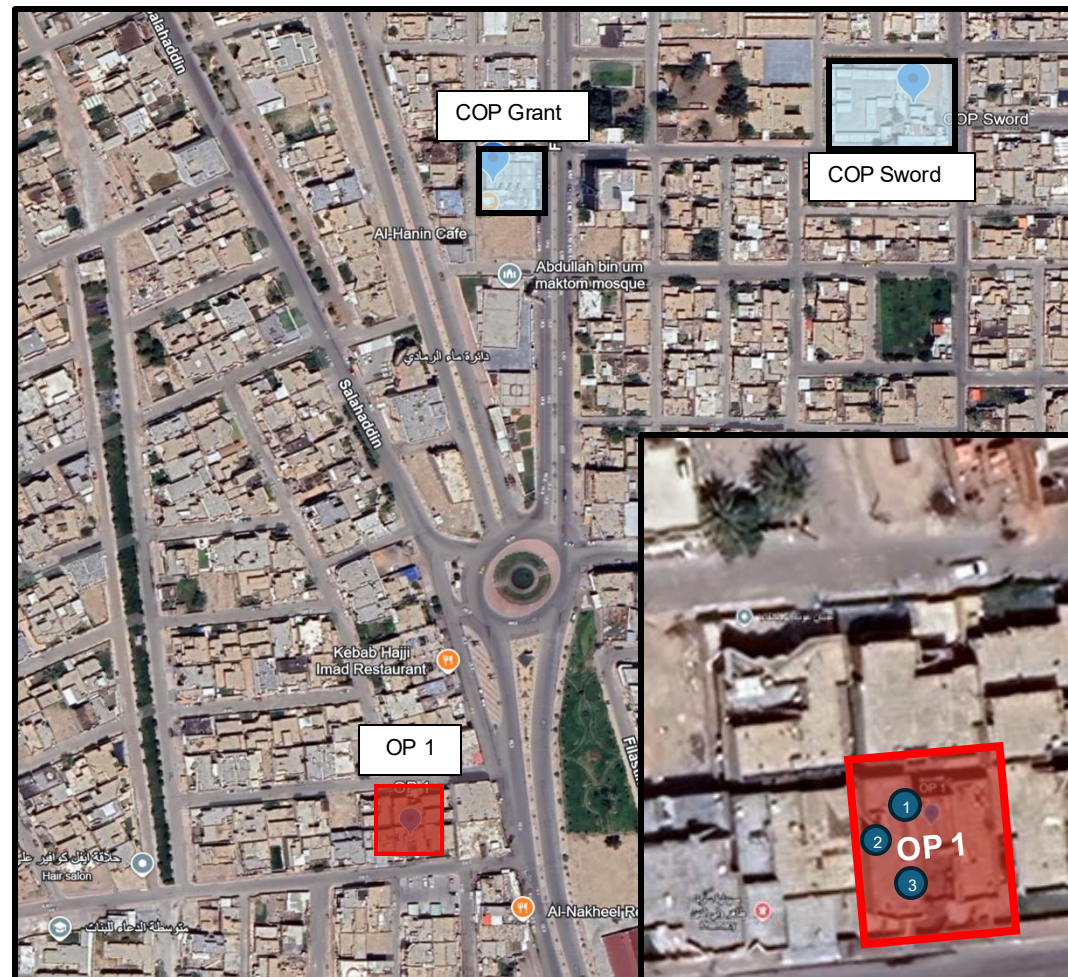
- Depart COP Grant under cover of darkness; move to target sector
- Arrive at target block; attempt entry on initial houses (doors locked; deliberate breach avoided to maintain stealth)
- Enter alternate two-story house (grid LB 4317 9849); secure courtyard, clear rooms, consolidate family in living room.

• 0400 hours:

- Establish rooftop positions:
 - 1 SGT Quick at northeast corner (M240B covering east avenue and objective)
 - 2 SGT Barr at southwest corner (M249 covering north roof threat); SGT Rodriguez-DeJesus rotating.
 - 3 SGT Wall south of Quick (sniper overwatch)
- Ground Floor Security: SFC Olienyk, SPC Ruiz-Soto, PFC Herrud, Interpreter with family.

• 0630 – 1000 hours:

- Observed only light traffic and children
- Initiate a rotational rest plan



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- OP = Observation Post

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Enemy Contact and SGT Quick's Heroic Actions

See PDF attachment for more detailed Storyboard

- 1015 hours

- Enemy launches coordinated attack with 4 grenades thrown onto rooftop.
- SGT Barr yells "GRENADE" three times; warns team and attempts to seek cover
- Other Team Members react and seek cover

- Actions of SGT Quick

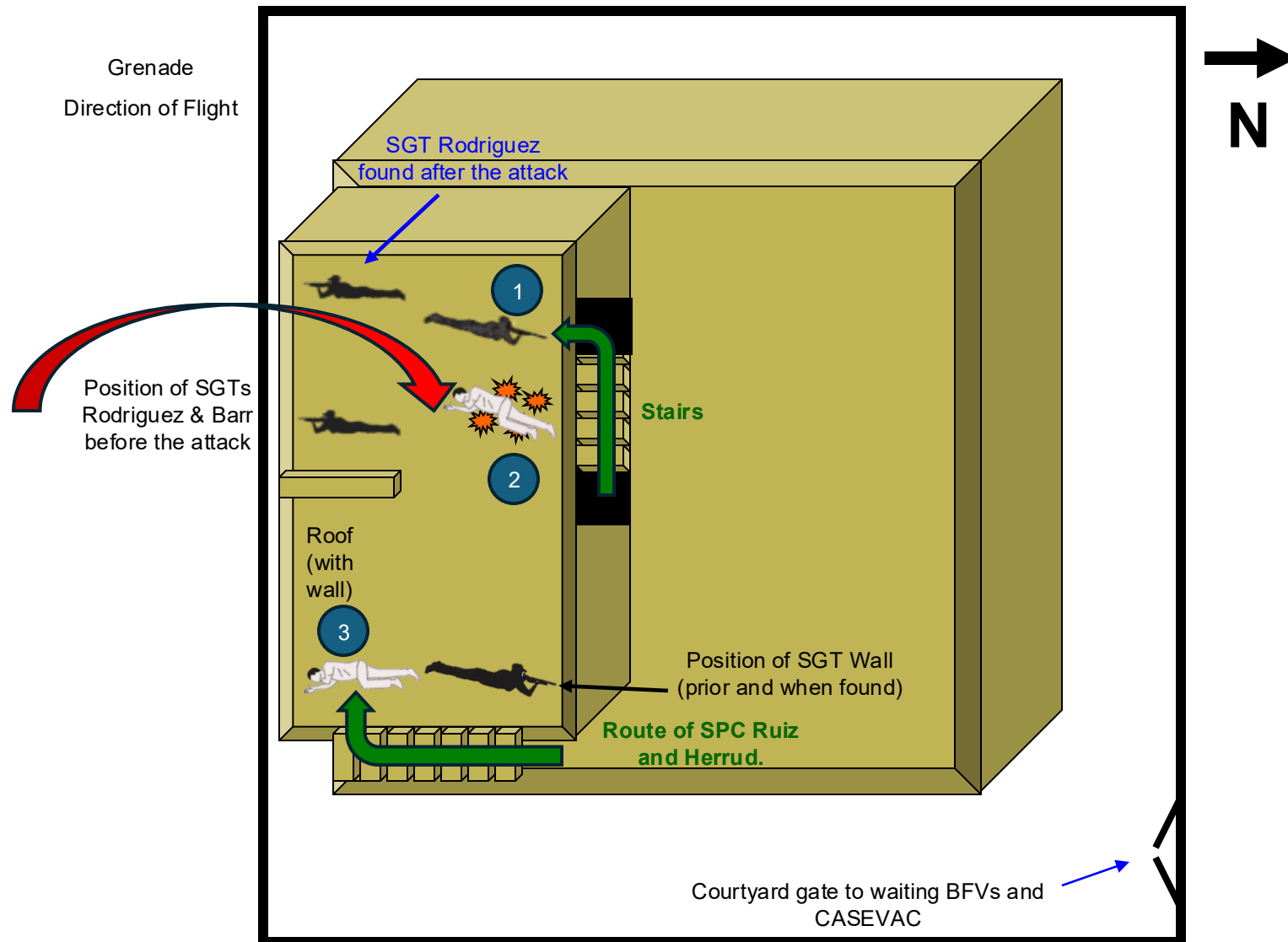
- 1 SGT Quick immediately moves from his position to save his teammates. The Stairwell was right there for SGT Quick to access
- 2 SGT Quick deliberately throws himself onto the grenades, attempting to shield his teammates from the full blast by sacrificing his life for theirs
- 3 SGT Quick crawls towards SGT Wall, collapsing at the top of the stairs where PFC Herrud and SPC Ruiz find him

- Result:

- SGT Quick mortally wounded
- SGT Barr (shrapnel in foot/buttocks)
- SGT Rodriguez-DeJesus (shrapnel wounds in back)
- SGT Wall (shrapnel in leg)

- SGT Barr treats remaining casualties, reestablishes security w/ SGT Wall and prepares for extraction with team

- Casualties are evacuated to inner room for continued treatment and prepped for extraction



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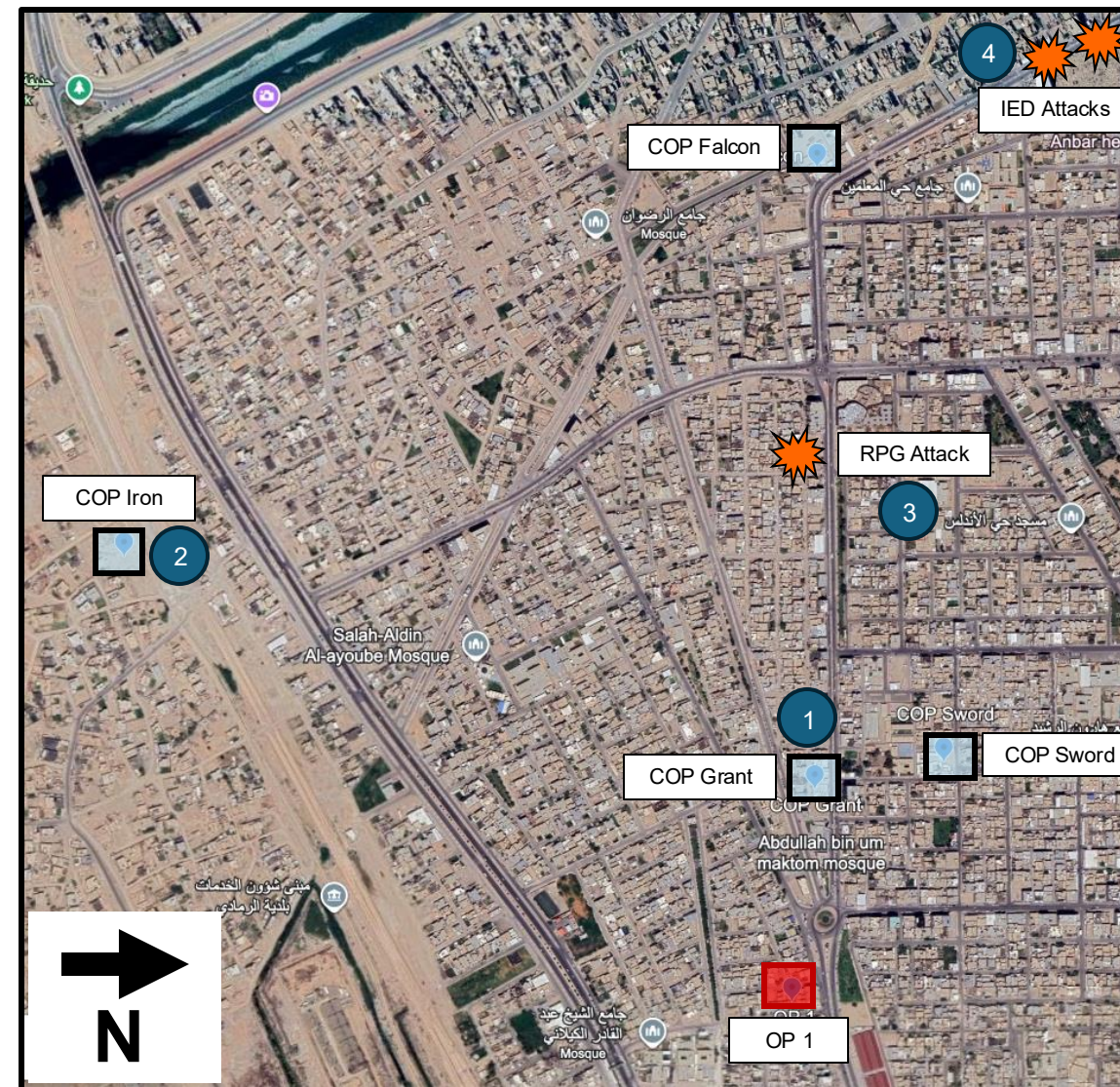


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Evacuation, Exfiltration, and Movement to Camp Ramadi

- B Co 1-36 IN, Attached to 1-37 AR
 - Arrives and load SGT Quick into Bradley Fighting Vehicle. They move to COP Falcon where Battalion Field Aid Station is located.
 - LTC Tedesco (1-37 AR TF CDR) is on scene at COP Falcon.
 - SGT Quick then transported to Camp Ramadi where he is pronounced deceased and moved to the Morgue.
- SGT Quick's heroic actions are consistent with the fatal injuries that 1SG Pinion observed during the morgue identification
- 2nd Platoon actions
 - 1 1115 hours: Casualties were evacuated back to COP Grant. Remaining team members mounted vehicles and prepared to execute movement back to Camp Ramadi
 - 2 1400 hours: OP 2 extracted to COP Iron. Moved from COP Iron to COP Grant
 - 3 1430: While in route back to Camp Ramadi, 2nd Platoon moves from COP Grant to COP Falcon. RPG attack
 - 4 1445 hours: IED Attack. 2ea IEDs. No casualties
 - 1451 hours: Arrive Camp Ramadi



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• RPG = Rocket Propelled Grenade



Summary and Recommendation

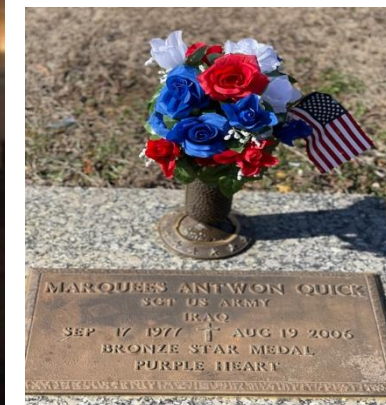
SGT Quick's actions meet the criteria for the Medal of Honor due to his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Without hesitation, SGT Quick, with a clear path to relative safety down the stairwell only meters away, deliberately and without regard for his own life, threw himself between the grenades and his fellow Soldiers, shielding them from the blasts. This selfless action absorbed the full force of the explosions, saving the lives of SGT Barr, SGT Rodriguez-DeJesus, and SGT Wall, and preventing further casualties to the team.

His extraordinary bravery and uncommon valor resulted in SGT Quick gallantly sacrificing himself to defend his brothers-in-arms and his nation.

SGT Quick's deliberate and immediate sacrifice mirrors that of CPL Jason Dunham, who received the Medal of Honor in 2004 for similar actions. Like PFC Ross McGinnis, MAA Michael Monsoor, and LCpl Kyle Carpenter, SGT Quick, without hesitation, chose to protect his comrades from the deadly effects of a grenade, fully aware of the consequences.

Sergeant Marquees A. Quick exemplified the United States Army Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer, placing his Soldiers' welfare above his own without regard for his personal safety.





Marquees Antwon Quick



Marquees was born 17 September 1977 in New York but relocated to Center Point, Alabama when he was young. He attended Huffman High School, class of 1996. He was a family man who saw or called his mom and grandmom every day. Marquees was the oldest of three brothers: Matthew, Brandon, and Keith Quick.

Marquees served an initial tour on Active Duty, left and joined the Alabama National Guard, met his wife at Church, and after 9/11 transitioned back to active duty because he knew he didn't want to be left on the sidelines potentially.

From Marquees wife "Marquees was a loving husband, a great leader, and motivator with a big heart – and a big head...as he would joke. He often joked that I was a cougar because I was 2 ½ weeks older than him. Marquees took his role as a Leader to heart and **NEVER** wanted to let his men down. Marquees was my best friend, husband, and cheerleader. The family misses you dearly, SGT Marquees A. Quick. Gone but never forgotten. Love always, your wifey."

SGT Marquees A. Quick is buried at Zion Memorial Gardens in Birmingham Alabama.





Medal of Honor Upgrade Process: Honoring SGT Quick's Valor



SWORN STATEMENT			
For use of this form, see AR 190-45; the proponent agency is PMG.			
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 (SSN)			
ROUTINE USES: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified. Your social security number is used as an additional/alternate means of identification to facilitate filing and retrieval.			
DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of your social security number is voluntary.			
1. LOCATION	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	3. TIME	4. FILE NUMBER
BLDG 5500 CAMP AR RAMADI, IRAQ	2006/08/20	17:21	
5. CAS NAME FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS	
BARR, REGAN D.	508-21-2419	SGT/ACTIVE	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS			
E-TRP 1 CAV (BRT), 1ST BDE, 1ST AD, CAMP AR RAMADI, APO AE 09396			
9. I, REGAN D. BARR, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:			



Formal Request & Review packet form.

MOH Processing Timeline	
Month Day, Year	Heroic actions performed in _____
Month Day, Year	Awards and Decorations Branch receives MOH nomination.
Month Day, Year	Decorations Board (ADB) reviews action and unanimously recommends forwarding action to the Senior Decorations Board (SDB).
Month Day, Year	SDB unanimously recommends MOH.
Month Day, Year	Action reviewed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.
Month Day, Year	Action routed to Army Senior Leadership for endorsement: Director of Army Staff, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, and Chief of Staff of the Army.
Month Day, Year	Historical review provided by the Center of Military History (CMH).



- Gather new and compelling evidence that demonstrates the act of valor warrants the Medal of Honor.
- This includes sworn statements, official records, and a detailed letter of justification.
- Formal Recommendations needs to be reviewed and submitted in packet form.
- Congressional sponsorship is required for review from a Member of the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives per Title 10 U.S. Code Section 1130 when greater than 1 year has passed.
- Once sponsorship happens, that is presented to the Army Awards Board. The Army Awards Board will evaluate and determine worth.
- If approved by the Army Awards Board, the recommendation is forwarded to the President of the United States for final approval.



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Recommendation for Upgrade SGT Marquees A. Quick's Award to Medal of Honor (Posthumous)



- Share this video and SGT Marquees Quick's story widely
- Contact your own congressional representatives—call, email, or write—and urge them to sponsor or support this recommendation



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