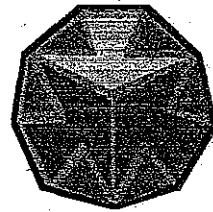




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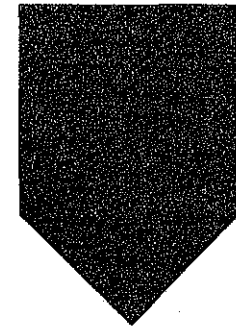
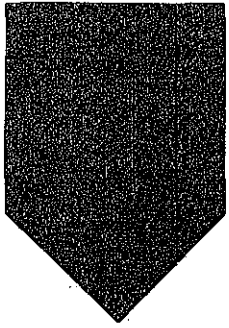
SPC SHANE WERST

For outstanding performance during Rotation 96-08 at the National Training Center. His aggressive execution of long distance infiltration and combat assault missions as a PPG Guerrilla, resulted in enhanced training for all units in the Brigade Support Area. His performance reflects great credit on himself, the 58th Engineers, and the United States Army.

17 MAY 96

**CLAUDE W. SHIPLEY
LTC, OD
GOLDMINER 07**

Certificate of Appreciation



SAPPERS ATTACK!




**Engineer Brigade (Combat)
1st Infantry Division (Mechanized)
United States Army, Europe, and Seventh Army**

is awarded to
SGT SHANE A. WERST
B CO, 9TH ENGINEER BATTALION

for

Selection as the Engineer Brigade, 1st Infantry Division outstanding Noncommissioned of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter, Calendar Year 2000. Your military bearing, knowledge, personal conduct, moral character, and willingness to excel show a high degree of professional competence. You should take justifiable pride in your accomplishment. You have set an example for all to follow. I wish you continued success in your future endeavors and I have the greatest confidence that you will do well in all that you undertake.
Sappers Attack! Duty First!


RICHARD M. HORNACK
LTC, EN
Brigade Executive Officer

This 5 Day of APRIL 20 00

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AWARDED TO
SERGEANT SHANE A. WERST

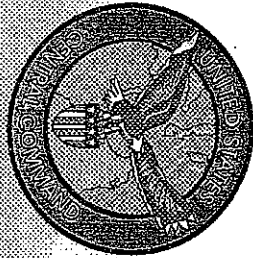
B CO, 9TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT), SCHWEINFURT GERMANY

For commendable performance during the third quarter Soldier of the Quarter Board. Sergeant Werst displayed outstanding knowledge of NCO leadership, and basic soldier skills. This achievement proves Sergeant Werst to be a model NCO and soldier and reflects great credit upon him the 9th Engineer Battalion, 11D Engineer Brigade and the United States Army.

FIRST TO CROSS!!

1 DECEMBER 2000


EVERETT K. McDANIEL
LTC, EN
Commanding



HEADQUARTERS

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) AND
FORT STEWART/HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, GEORGIA



Certificate of Service



is awarded to

SPECIALIST SHANE A. WERST

In Recognition of Faithful and Exemplary Performance
of Duty with the Victory Division during

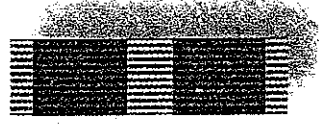
OPERATION VIGILANT WARRIOR

October - December 1994

JOSEPH E. DEFRAANCISCO
Major General, USA
Commanding



ORGANISATION DU TRAITE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION



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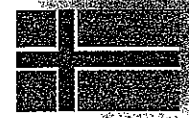
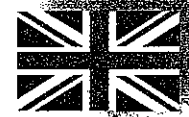
**SERGEANT
SHANE A. WERST**

*Has been awarded the NATO Medal
for Service with NATO on Operations
in Relation to Kosovo
During the Period*

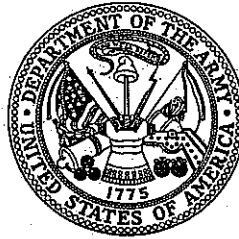
*A reçu la médaille de l'OTAN
en récompense des services rendus à l'OTAN
dans des opérations ayant trait
au Kosovo
au cours de la période*

6 JUNE 1999 TO 12 DECEMBER 1999

*The Secretary General
Le Secrétaire Général*



Military Training Certificates



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING

This is to certify that

SSG SHANE A. WERST

has successfully completed

53 hours of computer based training instruction.

Smart Force Internet Course – Microsoft Office 2000

Beginning Word 5hrs, Beginning Power Point 4hrs, Beginning Outlook 4hrs

Army Recruiting Information Support System (ARISS) 39hrs

and classroom Typing Tutorial 1hr

07 SEP 2004

Given at Recruiting & Retention School
Ft. Jackson, SC

JACK COLLINS

Colonel, IN

Commandant, RRS

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United States Army Soldier Support Institute

Recruiting and Retention School

Fort Jackson, South Carolina

To all who shall see these presents greeting.

Be it known that SSG SHANE A. WERST

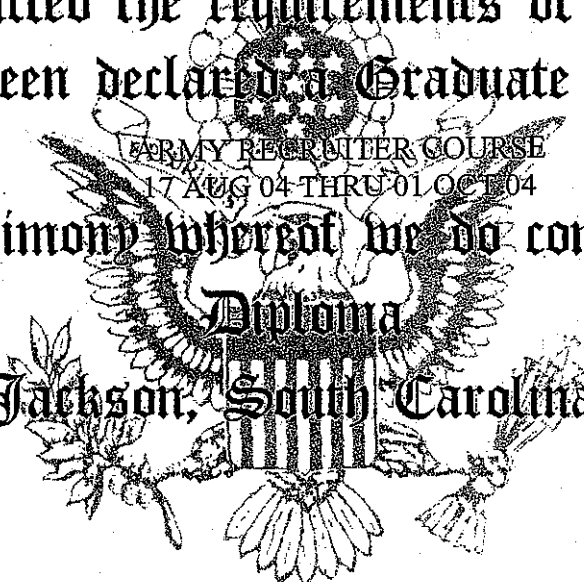
having fulfilled the requirements of the School,
has been declared a Graduate of the

ARMY RECRUITER COURSE
17 AUG 04 THRU 01 OCT 04

In testimony whereof we do confer this

Diploma

Given at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, this 1ST day of OCTOBER 2004



COMMANDANT

NATCO Group Education Center

of
Midland, Texas
Presents

Certificate of Completion

to

SSG Shane Werst

for successfully completing 16 Hours of Training including


**Basic Petroleum Equipment Operation
H2S, Health & Safety Principles**

on the date of 20-Mar-03 and 21-Mar-03


Business Development Manager


Southern Region Manager


Instructor


Instructor



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CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING

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has successfully completed

A 40 HOUR COURSE IN TOTAL ARMY RETENTION

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MOBILE RETENTION TRAINING TEAM

RECRUITING AND RETENTION SCHOOL

FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Given at WUERZBURG, GERMANY

8-12 MAY 2000

GARY C. CARLSON

Colonel, AG

Commandant, Recruiting and
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The United States Air Force



CERTIFIES THAT
SGT SHANE A. WERST

B CO, 4TH ENGR BN

HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE

AIRLIFT PLANNERS COURSE
615TH AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS GROUP
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

AND IS HEREWITH AWARDED THIS

Certificate of Training

RICHARD T. DEVEREAUX, COLONEL, USAF
COMMANDER

26 April 2002

DATE

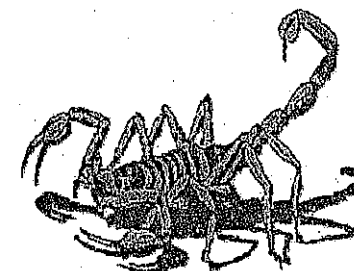
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Certificate of Training Excellence

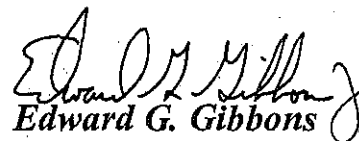
is Presented to

SSG Shane A. Werst

B Co. 4th Engineers
Squad Leader

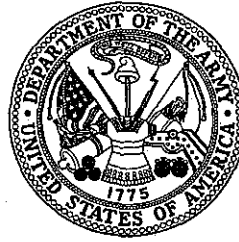
This Scorpion Certificate of Excellence is presented to SSG Werst for his actions on TD 04 of Rotation 03-01. Your actions at the National Training Center greatly enhanced the overall success of your unit. SPC Werst's actions reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

This 1st day of October 2002


Edward G. Gibbons

LTC, IN
Senior Mechanized Infantry TF Trainer

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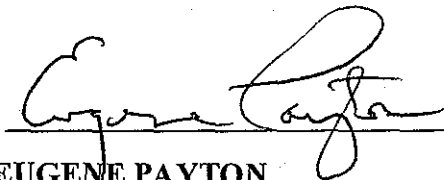


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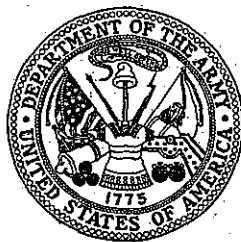
This is to certify that
SGT SHANE A. WERST

C CO 9TH ENGINEER BATTALION
has successfully completed
ITC TRAINING and GERMAN HEADSTART
From 17 MAR 1998 to 16 APR 1998
(60 HOURS)

Given at INPROCESSING TRAINING CENTER
SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY



EUGENE PAYTON
LTC, IN
Commanding



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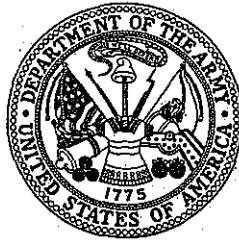
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40 HOUR BUS DRIVER COURSE 02-06
2/4/02 - 2/8/02

Given at Fort Carson, Colorado

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LTC, AV
Deputy Directorate of Logistics

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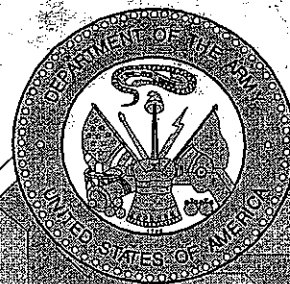
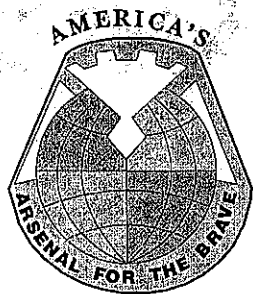
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40 HOUR DRIVER EXAMINER COURSE 02-04
1/28/02 - 2/1/02

Given at Fort Carson, Colorado

MARK S. SILVERSTEIN
LTC, AV
Deputy ITO

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U. S. ARMY TANK - AUTOMOTIVE AND ARMAMENTS COMMAND

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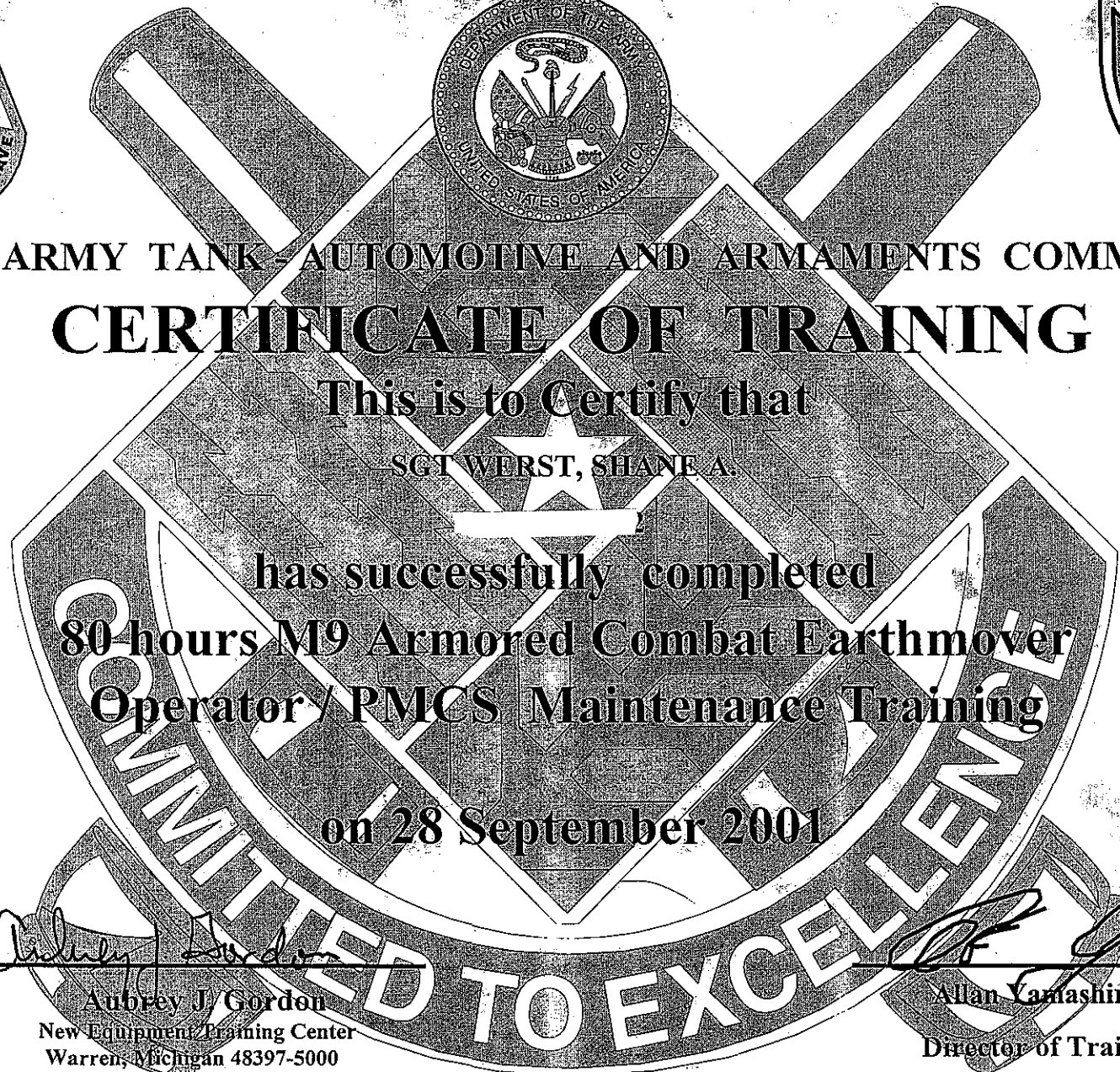
has successfully completed
80 hours M9 Armored Combat Earthmover
Operator / PMCS Maintenance Training

on 28 September 2001

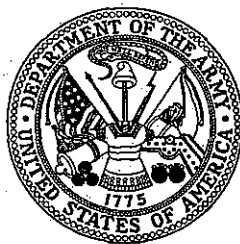
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Aubrey J. Gordon
New Equipment Training Center
Warren, Michigan 48397-5000

Allan Yamashiro
Director of Training



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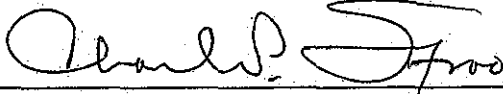
has successfully completed

Technical Transportation of Hazardous Materials Course

in accordance with 49 CFR Part 172, Subpart H (172.704), DOD 4500.9R Chapter 204, and AFJMAN 24-204

22 October – 2 November 2001AMMO-62**80 Hours**Class #002**

Given at Fort Carson, CO
Presented by:
U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center
McAlester, OK


CHARLES P. STROO, GS-15
Associate Director for Training



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This is to certify that

SGT SHANE A. WERST

has successfully completed

BASIC NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER COURSE

(COMMON CORE)

CLASS 08-01

12 MARCH 2001 - 27 MARCH 2001

Given at MANSCEN NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY
FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO 65473

William D. McDaniel
COMMANDANT

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This is to certify that

SGT Shane Werst

9th ENG

has successfully completed

**NBC Defense Course
(80 Hours)**

Given at 299th FSB Classroom,
Conn Barracks, Schweinfurt

James W. Shufelt
LTC, AR
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THE UNITED STATES ARMY SAFETY CENTER

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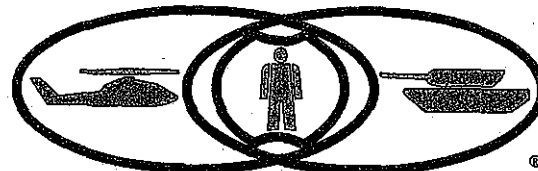
SGT SHANE A. WERST

has satisfactorily completed

NCO RISK MANAGEMENT COURSE (45 Hours)

and in testimony whereof we do confer this certificate
presented at Fort Rucker, Alabama

17 July - 21 July 2000



U.S. ARMY SAFETY CENTER

Gene M. LaCoste

Gene M. LaCoste
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING

This is to certify that

SPC Shane Werst

has successfully completed a training course of
32 hours
on the

MIC-120 ABM®

Automatic Building Machine® System

22 NOV 96

Date

[Signature]
Instructor

M.I.C. Industries, Inc.



The Army Institute for Professional Development

Certificate of Completion

STAFF SERGEANT SHANE A WERST

has successfully completed the
NCO LEADER SKILLS INVENTORY

given at

The U.S. Army Training Support Center

this 31ST day of AUGUST 2004



Joseph S Moore
COMMANDANT
The Army Institute
for Professional Development

James H Neuman
COMMANDING
U.S. Army Training Support Center
Fort Eustis, Virginia

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U.S. Army Training Support Center
Newport News, Virginia 23628

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Certificate of Course Completion as of **31 AUG 2004**

You have successfully completed the course listed below.

805BF3104
NCO LEADER SKILLS INVENTORY

REMOVE THESE EDGES FIRST!
FOLD, CREASE AND TEAR ALONG PERFORATION

The Army Institute for Professional Development
U.S. Army Training Support Center
Newport News, Virginia 23628

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Certificate of Course Completion as of 19 MAR 2002

You have successfully completed the course listed below.

907 D1502
INTRO TO DEF REUTILIZATION/MARKETING SYSTEM

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Certificate of Completion

SERGEANT SHANE A WERST

has successfully completed the
INTRO TO DEF REUTILIZATION/MARKETING SYSTEM

given at

The U.S. Army Training Support Center

this 19TH day of MARCH 2002



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COMMANDANT
The Army Institute
for Professional Development

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COMMANDING
U.S. Army Training Support Center
Fort Eustis, Virginia

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U.S. Army Training Support Center
Newport News, Virginia 23628

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Certificate of Course Completion as of 25 MAR 2002

You have successfully completed the course listed below.

131 F3102
MANAGER DEVELOPMENT COURSE (MDC)

The Army Institute for Professional Development

Certificate of Completion

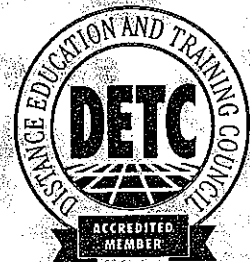
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MANAGER DEVELOPMENT COURSE (MDC)

given at

The U.S. Army Training Support Center

this 25TH day of MARCH 2002



John R. [Signature]

COMMANDANT
The Army Institute
for Professional Development

Robert [Signature]

COMMANDING
U.S. Army Training Support Center
Fort Eustis, Virginia

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Social Security Number:

Certificate of Course Completion as of **21 MAR 2002**

You have successfully completed the course listed below.

907 D1702
DEFENSE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE HANDLING CRS

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DEFENSE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE HANDLING CRS

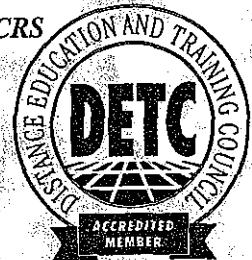
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The U.S. Army Training Support Center

this 21ST day of MARCH 2002



John R. Ford
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Robert R. Steady
COMMANDING
U.S. Army Training Support Center
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131 F4102
ACTION OFFICER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

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ACTION OFFICER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

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 CUM CREDIT HOURS 18
 RANK/SQT WERST SHANE A
 NAME 18MAR2002
 CURRENT (CYCLE) DATE:
 BRANCH: OP:

PART B

SCH 50 999* 50
 ENROLLMENT YEAR 18MAR2003
 ENDING DATE (EYE) 18MAR2003
 WERST SHANE A

Reminder: As of the CURRENT (CYCLE) DATE printed below, only credit hours required by EYE for this enrollment year have been completed. If the credit hours cannot be met by the EYE date, you should request an extension to prevent cancellation of enrollment. Single subcourse enrollees cannot be granted extensions.

COMPLETED SUBCOURSE(S):
 QM2064B ACCOUNTING FOR PROPERTY, PART II 82 % CH 10
 QM5092A DIRECT GENERAL PETROLEUM OPERATIONS 92 % CH 2
 QM5094A DIRECT TANK VEHICLES 96 % CH 2
 QM5095A DIRECT CLASS III OPERATIONS 96 % CH 2
 QM5096A DIRECT PIPELINE OPERATIONS 96 % CH 2

WERST SHANE A

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You are enrolled in
 NOTE: Subcourse materials are shipped separately. Do not return study materials unless requested.
 Total number of subc: Total crs credit hrs: (Subject to modification)

This certifies that you have completed the subcourse(s) listed on PART B. Retain this official document for your records.

You have been granted exemption(s) for subcourse(s) listed on PART B.

Cancellation of enrollment: The reason is:

Correspondence course completion notice:

Course phase completion notice: Phase(s)

Your enrollment has been extended. Your new EYE DATE is:

NOTE: COMPLETED CR HRS FOR ENROLLMENT YEAR: 18

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WERST SHANE A
12

SCH 999* 50
ENROLLMENT YEAR 18MAR2003
ENDING DATE (EYE)

PART B

CURRENT (CYCLE) DATE:
NAME 19MAR2002
RANK/SOT WERST SHANE A
GP:
BRANCH: GP:
CUM. CREDIT HOURS 15

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Correspondence course completion notice:

Course phase completion notice: Phase(s)

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NOTE: COMPLETED CR HRS FOR ENROLLMENT YEAR: 15

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Correspondence course completion notice: COURSE COMPLETION DATE: 19MAR2002
 INTRO TO DEF REUTILIZATION/MARKETING SYSTEM

Course phase completion notice: Phase(s)

Your enrollment has been extended. Your new EYE DATE is:

NOTE: COMPLETED CR HRS FOR ENROLLMENT YEAR: 20

PART A

ATSC FORM 157
 REV. 4 MAY 95

This is an official document (AR640-10)

CUM. CREDIT HOURS: 20
 NAME: WERST SHANE A
 CURRENT (CYCLE) DATE: 19MAR2002
 RANK: SGT
 BRANCH: *ALMC
 ENROLLMENT YEAR: 19MAR2003
 ENDING DATE (EYE): 12
 SCH: 50 * 907*
 WERST SHANE A

PART B

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 STUDENT NUMBER

COMPLETED SUBCOURSE(S):
 MOO808 INTRO TO DEFENSE REUTILIZATION/MARKETING SYSTEM 80 % CH 20

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PART A

NOTE: COMPLETED CR HRS FOR ENROLLMENT YEAR: 27

Your enrollment has been extended. Your new EYE DATE is:

Course phase completion notice: Phase(s)

Correspondence course completion notice:

Cancellation of enrollment: The reason is:

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WERST SHANE A

COMPLETED SUBCOURSE(S):	
EN5110A PREP A PLMBG TAKEOFF LIST (PLUMBING I)	75 % CH 12
REQUIREMENTS NOT MET (UNSAT):	
EN53026 CARTOGRAPHY II (GRID CONST, PLT/PROJ GRAT)	68 % *

* = FIRST FAIL, SCAN SHEET MAILED SEPARATELY; ** = SECOND FAIL

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WERST SHANE A
12

SCH 999* 40
ENROLLMENT YEAR 18MAR2003
ENDING DATE (EYE)

PART B

CURRENT (CYCLE) DATE: 25MAR2002
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RANK: SGT WERST SHANE A
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NOTE: COMPLETED CR HRS FOR ENROLLMENT YEAR: 24

Your enrollment has been extended. Your new EYE DATE is:

Course phase completion notice: Phase(s)

Correspondence course completion notice:
DEFENSE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE HANDLING CRS
COURSE COMPLETION DATE: 21MAR2002

Cancellation of enrollment: The reason is:

You have been granted exemption(s) for subcourse(s) listed on PART B.

This certifies that you have completed the subcourse(s) listed on PART B. Retain this official document for your records.

Total number of subcours: Total crs credit hrs: (Subject to modification)
NOTE: Subcourse materials are shipped separately. Do not return study materials unless requested.

You are enrolled in the Army Correspondence Course Program. If enrolled in a course or multiple individual subcourses, you must complete credit hours within 12 months from CURRENT (CYCLE) DATE printed on PART B. If enrolled in only one subcourse, you must complete it within 12 months from CURRENT (CYCLE) DATE printed on PART B. Your enrollment will be cancelled if you do not meet these requirements.

COMPLETED SUBCOURSE(S):
LM0045D DEFENSE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE HANDLING 72 % CH 24

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Reminder: As of the CURRENT (CYCLE) DATE printed below, only of the credit hours required by EYE for this enrollment year have been completed. If the credit hours cannot be met by the EYE date, you should request an extension to prevent cancellation of enrollment. Single subcourse enrollees cannot be granted extensions. STUDENT NUMBER

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GP: GP

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TRANSCRIPT OF MILITARY / CIVILIAN SCHOOL

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Construction Site Prep	4.5			
Construction Materials & Methods	4.5			
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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

Fig. this form, see AR 600-8-22; the proponant age: ODCSPER

For valor/heroism/wartime and all awards higher than MSM, refer to special instructions in Chapter 3, AR 600-8-22.

1. TO Commander, 4ID Tikrit, Iraq APO AE 09323	2. FROM Commander, B Co, 4 EN Balad, Iraq APO AE 09323-2598	3. DATE 19 JAN 04
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PART I - SOLDIER DATA

4. NAME Shane A. Werst	5. RANK SSG	6. SSN
7. ORGANIZATION B Co, 4 EN Balad, Iraq APO AE 09323-2598	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS ARCOM (1), AAM (10)	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE U.S. ARMY	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD BSM	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 19 NOV 03 b. TO 17 JAN 04
12. REASON FOR AWARD 12a. INDICATE ACH, SVC, PCS, ETS, OR RET ACH		13. POSTHUMOUS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12b. INTERIM AWARD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN		

PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA

14. NAME Daniel D. Maurer	15. ADDRESS B Co, 4 EN Balad, Iraq APO AE 09323-2598	
16. TITLE/POSITION Platoon Leader	17. RANK 1LT	19. SIGNATURE
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE Platoon Leader		

PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)

20. ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT #1
SSG Werst led his squad in conducting a dismounted raid on a suspected IED-maker on 05 DEC 03, moving house-to-house and maneuvering his soldiers to cordon off potential escape routes as the suspect fled the area. These actions enabled his soldiers to successfully detain the individual, search the surrounding area and led to the discovery of electronic parts and other potential bomb-making material within the adjacent home. His decisive actions exhibited sound tactical judgment and poise in a hostile urban environment.

ACHIEVEMENT #2
SSG Werst led his squad during OPERATION IVY BLIZZARD, attaching his soldiers to a Mechanized Infantry Company and distributing his demolition and personnel resources to accomplish myriad breaching and raid missions. SSG Werst's willingness and ability to manage the preparation and execution of these operations demonstrated superior tactical skill and superlative small-unit leadership, and was responsible for the safe explosive breach of more than 50 targets during a highly complex MOUT operation.

ACHIEVEMENT #3
Attached to 1/A/1-8 IN during a nighttime raid on suspected terrorist and insurgent cells in the city of Balad, SSG Werst led his squad in breaching and raiding eight homes. His actions in and around the targets included entry under limited visibility conditions, cordon and search of dense urban terrain, and coordinating to get interpreters on site quickly to confirm verbal intelligence and suspects' identities, demonstrating an ability to manage multiple actions over a wide area and directly contributing to the safe capture of five suspects.

ACHIEVEMENT #4
SSG Werst, serving as a Sapper Squad Leader outside Balad, Iraq, led his soldiers in using local terrain to lay approximately 800m of triple-strand concertina wire to effectively enclose several non-compliant neighborhoods, allowing controlled entrance to only permitted personnel. These actions helped to deny the enemy the ability emplace IEDs along 2.5 km of a heavily traveled supply route. SSG Werst's leadership in maneuvering his squad demonstrated superior tactical expertise and inspired his soldiers under adverse conditions.

21. PROPOSED CITATION

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS A SAPPER SQUAD LEADER IN BRAVO COMPANY, 4TH ENGINEER BATTALION, SUPPORTING TASK FORCE 1-8 INFANTRY. SSG WERST'S TACTICAL EXPERTISE AND ABILITY TO TAKE ON ANY MISSION MADE HIM A VITAL COMBAT MULTIPLIER TO HIS SQUAD AND PLATOON DURING MOUT OPERATIONS. HIS ACTIONS REFLECT TREMENDOUS CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, BRAVO COMPANY, TASK FORCE 1-8 INFANTRY, 3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

NAME: Shant A. Werst | SSN: []

PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

22. I certify that this individual is eligible for an award in accordance with AR 600-8-22; and that the information contained in Part I is correct. | 22a. SIGNATURE: *Ryan T. Larson* | 22b. DATE: []

23. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY | a. TO Commander, 4EN Balad, Iraq APO AE 09323 | b. FROM Commander, B Co, 4EN Balad, Iraq APO AE 09323-2598 | c. DATE: 14 Feb 04

d. RECOMMEND: APPROVAL DISAPPROVAL | UPGRADE TO: [] | DOWNGRADE TO: []

e. NAME: Matthew A. Shirley | f. RANK: CPT

g. TITLE/POSITION: Company Commander | h. SIGNATURE: *Matthew A. Shirley*

i. COMMENTS: A top quality NCO & he leads his men superbly under all circumstances.

24. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY | a. TO Commander, 3BCT, 4ID Balad, Iraq APO AE 09323 | b. FROM Commander, 4EN Balad, Iraq APO AE 09323 | c. DATE: 14 FEB 04

d. RECOMMEND: APPROVAL DISAPPROVAL | UPGRADE TO: [] | DOWNGRADE TO: []

e. NAME: Laura C. Loftus | f. RANK: LTC

g. TITLE/POSITION: Battalion Commander | h. SIGNATURE: *Laura C. Loftus*

i. COMMENTS: []

25. INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY | a. TO Commander, 4ID Tikrit, Iraq APO AE 09323 | b. FROM Commander, 3BCT, 4ID Balad, Iraq APO AE 09323 | c. DATE: []

d. RECOMMEND: APPROVAL DISAPPROVAL | UPGRADE TO: [] | DOWNGRADE TO: []

e. NAME: Frederick S. Rudesheim | f. RANK: COL

g. TITLE/POSITION: Brigade Commander | h. SIGNATURE: *Frederick S. Rudesheim*

i. COMMENTS: One of the best Sapper Squad leaders in B Co - did everything we expect of an infantry squad.

26. APPROVAL AUTHORITY | a. TO ORDERS ISSUING AUTHORITY | b. FROM Commander, 4ID Tikrit, Iraq APO AE 09323 | c. DATE: []

d. APPROVED DISAPPROVED | RECOMMEND UPGRADE TO: [] | DOWNGRADE TO: []

e. NAME: Raymond Odierno | f. RANK: MG

g. TITLE/POSITION: Division Commander | h. SIGNATURE: *Raymond Odierno*

i. COMMENTS: []

PART V - ORDERS DATA

27a. ORDERS ISSUING HQ: HQs, 4ID Tikrit, Iraq APO AE 09323 | 27b. PERMANENT ORDER NO.: 140-48 | 31. DISTRIBUTION: 1-Soldier, 1-Company Commander, 1-Records Set, 1-MPRJ, 1-Fiche

28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY: KEITH D. TOLER | 28b. RANK: CPT

28c. TITLE/POSITION: CHIEF, G1 PLANS & OPS | 29. APPROVED AWARD: BSM

28d. SIGNATURE: *Keith D. Toler* | 30. DATE: 15 Jun 04

SWORN STATEMENT

For use of this form, see AR 190-45; the proponent agency is ODCSOPS

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 (SSN).
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately
ROUTINE USES: 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 BLDG 1816 6425 SPEAKER AVE FT CARSON	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2004/11/18	3. TIME 1437 PM	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME MAURER, DANIEL DAVID	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS O2/ACTIVE	

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
HHC, 4TH ENGINEER BATTALION, FORT CARSON, CO 80913

9. I, DANIEL DAVID MAURER WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Sometime on 01 or 02 JANUARY 2004, B Platoon / B/4 received orders (verbal) to participate in a company + raid south of Balad, Iraq. The intent was to attach the platoon to A/1-8 INF and provide cordon/search and/or engineer expertise (demolitions) in the execution of the raid. The mission was supposed to begin the evening of the 2nd, but preparations were interrupted when the forward operating base was mortared and our company commander (CPT ERIC PAUWABA) was killed. Several hours later my PSG (SFC Cabello) and I were approached about whether or not we felt comfortable in participating in the raid, given our state of shock at the time. We declined, but at some point the decision was made to attach SSG West's Squad to A/1-8 in lieu of the entire platoon. Prior to departure, I (as Platoon leader) did a final "back brief" with SFC Cabello + SSG West to ensure he + the squad were adequately prepared - we advised him to be careful and to watch his soldiers closely in light of the day's events. He and his squad returned sometime early the next morning and SFC Cabello + I debriefed SSG West that afternoon. Nothing during that debriefing (to my recollection) mentioned an Iraq being killed during the previous night's action. We continued normal operations and several days later SSG West departed for a previously scheduled MID-Tour leave. To my recollection, I had instructed SSG West to come up with recommendations for individual soldier awards before he left on leave in the process.

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ADDITIONAL PAGES MUST CONTAIN THE HEADING "STATEMENT _____ TAKEN AT _____ DATED _____"

THE BOTTOM OF EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT AND MUST BE INDICATED.

STATEMENT OF

DANIEL DAVID MAURER

TAKEN AT

BLDG 1816

DATED

2004/11/18

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

of reading his notes on the recommendations after he left, I discovered that he wanted PFC Parnell to receive the ARCOM w/ "V" Device for an action involving an Iraqi who supposedly shot at his squad as they entered a house during the raid. The company leadership at the time wanted more info in order to adequately complete the necessary paperwork for a "V" device attached to an Award. At various points over the next few days I informally questioned the two team leaders in SSG West's Squad (SGT Pizer, SGT HILLIS) and several soldiers - I don't remember specifically who but one was definitely PFC Parnell. I don't recall asking specific questions, other than having the soldier recount the execution of mission. Each told me a slightly different story but all basically mentioned that, yes, an Iraqi was shot while the squad entered the house but I couldn't get a straight answer on who exactly shot him or on the precise timing. Because no definitive story emerged and because SSG West was still on leave, SFC Cabeto and I discussed the situation and I decided to retract the award recommendation. I told CPT Shirley (the new company commander) my reasoning (that I didn't feel comfortable putting PFC Parnell in for the "V" device because I didn't think the information at the time warranted such an award). This was accepted + to my knowledge no one in B/4 or in A/1-8 put Parnell in for the award. The matter was dropped due to other priorities for the platoon + company and I don't recall questioning SSG West further when he returned from MID TOUR Leave. ^{DM}

Q: SA ANDERSEN

A: 1LT MAURER ^{DM}

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STATEMENT OF DANIEL D. MAWER TAKEN AT BLOG 181.6 DATED 2004/11/18

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

Q: DID YOU WRITE THE NARRATIVE PORTION OF THIS STATEMENT?

A: Yes

Q: DID YOU WRITE THIS STATEMENT OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL?

A: Yes

Q: WHEN SSG WERST WAS DE-BRIEFED FOLLOWING THE RAID DID HE MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT AN IRAQI NATIONAL BEING KILLED?

A: I don't recall it being mentioned. I think the first time I remember hearing or reading about it was in his ARCOM w/ "V" device Award recommendation for PFC Parnell - didn't read this until after he left for MID tour leave.

Q: IN THE AWARD RECOMMENDATION SUBMITTED BY SSG WERST, WAS PFC PARNELL IDENTIFIED AS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD SHOT THE IRAQI NATIONAL?

A: YES

Q: WHEN YOU WERE ASKING ABOUT THE INCIDENT DID YOU TAKE ANY SWORN STATEMENTS?

A: NO - all was informal

Q: WHEN YOU WERE ASKING ABOUT THE INCIDENT, DID SGT HILLIS RECOMMEND THE AWARD NOT BE GIVEN?

A: I don't remember if he did or not.

Q: AS A PLATOON LEADER ARE YOU REQUIRED TO MAKE AN SIR REPORT IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS KILLED AS A RESULT OF CONTACT?

A: NOT AWARE of any requirement to make an SIR

Q: DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT TIME OF DAY YOU DE-BRIEFED SSG WERST?

A: MOST LIKELY in the late morning or afternoon on the 3rd of JAN

Q: AFTER TALKING TO THE SQUAD MEMBERS AND GETTING DIFFERENT STORIES FROM THEM, DID THE DIFFERING STORIES BRING UP ANY QUESTIONS IN YOUR MIND AS TO WHAT HAD REALLY HAPPENED?

A: ONLY in terms of sequence & timing - i.e. who was first in the door of the house - no questions in my mind were glaring enough to think anything else.

Q: DID YOU EVER SEE SSG WERTS CARRYING A NON-MILITARY ^{ISSUE} 9MM PISTOL?

A: No

Q: DO YOU REMEMBER IF A 9MM PISTOL WAS EVER MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH THE IRAQI NATIONAL WHO WAS KILLED?

A: ONLY in that, during questioning the Squad's soldiers (or in the award notes) they mentioned the Iraq had a "hand-gun" or "pistol" on

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STATEMENT OF DANIEL D. MAURER TAKEN AT BLOG 1816 DATED 2004/11/18

8. STATEMENT (Continued)

Q: HAVE YOU LIED ON ANY PORTION OF THIS STATEMENT?

A: NO

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO ADD TO THIS STATEMENT?

A: NO /// END OF STATEMENT ///

AFFIDAVIT

I, DANIEL DAVID MAURER, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 4. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

[Signature]
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 18TH day of NOVEMBER, 2004 at _____

[Signature]
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

SA STAVAN A ANDERSEN, 6403
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

ARTICLE 13.6(6), UCMJ
(Authority to Administer Oath)

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US ARMY JUDICIARY
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22203-1837

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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22203-1837

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Photographs

Mr & Mrs. Jerry West

April 09, 2005

To whom it may concern,

We adopted Shane just before his second birthday. He was active and precocious from the start. He was in Gates or gifted programs from 5th or 6th grade on and knew what he was supposed to learn but was very active and not focused on perfection.

He attended church and memorized all his Awana verses. This, he was really focused on! He received the Timothy Award for memorizing four books of Bible verses and scripture principals to use in everyday living. The memorization took 2 years to complete.

He played soccer through elementary school and again later in high school. He played football in his senior year and played trombone in the bands from 7th grade to 10th grade. He was in the top choir for 2 years at the high school. They did wonderful concerts etc. A really fine group of kids!

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Shane's major decision in high school was to leave home at 18. Consequently, when he visits us, he has many friends and families that he visits in this area. He finished his senior year on the move and kept in touch with us enough to let us know his major achievements along the way (jobs, learning to drive, new families and friends, and that he had joined the Army.)

He graduated in 1992 after difficulty in English class which caused frustration. He could not write down his thoughts. He could give speeches but not written reports. In the general's office in Kosovo he learned (by telephone to his father-in-law, Sergeant Major Dwight Walker USMC then stationed at the Pentagon) how to think one sentence at a time instead of huge amounts of information at once. Our letters grew from one paragraph to four pages overnight.

He has always kept in touch since. He is very bright with a very high IQ (according to the Army testing program), has lots of love and caring for all those around him (especially his wife Stacey and daughters Kendra, 7 and Brooke, 2.) The whole family is very smart and full of fun!

On base his home has always been the center of social activity for his men and their families!

Stacey is the contact person when he is overseas. They help out with the moms and kids alot!

The whole family attends church. When Shane was in Iraq, he and his superior officer led prayer before leaving on any assignment. He even reached out to the community and made many Iraqi friends. His last weeks there he ate dinner every night with families. In Kosovo he counseled one of his men alone for several weeks to get him through the shock of a loss of his best friend. The troop vehicle flipped forward onto its back and crushed two gunners as it went down a steep incline. The soldier saw and heard his friend die beneath him.

In jail in Texas, he arranged for Bibles to be given to the prisoners and led a Bible Study for them everyday. At the Fort he has been doing Bible Study with the Chaplain every week since he arrived in November! He came to his grandmother's funeral in California and was a real positive example for all the relatives and people attending. He is a wonderful father and son as well as leader for his men!

In war you are required to go way beyond your natural instincts I know. His foundation in his faith is so strong that I feel he could be trusted to hold fast to his values in life as well as anyone. In Iraq there was never a question about Shane's actions on the raid.

When he was at Fort Irwin in California, he was given the honor of carrying the Olympic Torch as it came through the area. Both he and his Squad leader had a turn carrying the torch on its way to the Olympic site because Shane was the Soldier of the Year for Fort Irwin.

This is not my idea of a war criminal! He is full of love for his family and friends, but most of all for God! He would not do anymore than he had to on a mission to achieve this assignment which was to find a very dangerous person who had led many raids and killed many men. He knew who he was looking for and what his reputation was! His judgment of the danger has to be trusted! He was there! His superiors trusted him in Iraq. They also were there!

The final proof of our belief of Shane's innocence has to be financial. We believe in this fine man and father so much, we have put our financial future on the line. The costs for this are huge and we are managing to come up with the money needed because of God's perfect plan for all our lives. The money has come when we needed it each time! From a flute I played professionally for 30 years, my mother's funeral money, some of the money set aside for her caretakers a job given to me to teach at the new kindergarten (I am 69 and retired) Always from places we never would have looked! We praise the Lord for his backing us so strongly at this time! We are also being backed by prayers and faith of not only friends but people we have never met. This has really helped in every way!

Sincerely praying for God's
Will at this time,

Doris & Jerry West

Statement on behalf of Staff Sergeant Shane Werst

To Whom It May Concern:

I was assigned as the Executive Officer (Major) for the 9th Engineer Battalion, Schweinfurt, Germany, from April 1998 to June 1999. During that time, I had multiple occasions to observe Staff Sergeant (SSG) Werst's conduct, both on and off duty. He worked in both an Engineer Squad and as an Administrative Clerk in the Battalion Personnel Administrative Center (PAC). As the Battalion's Executive Officer, I observed maintenance operations in the motor pool and my contact with SSG Werst was many times each week. My contact with SSG Werst was many times daily during the time he worked as an Administrative Clerk in the Battalion PAC.

During my 15 month assignment, SSG Werst was an exemplary Soldier who was always willing to go the extra distance required to ensure any assigned job was done correctly. There were never any occasions of disciplinary problems involving him and he was often looked to as a problem solver for junior enlisted Soldiers. He was an excellent mentor - caring and involved with those under his command. During my time with him he was truly an exceptional Soldier and leader.

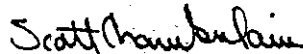
I was able to observe SSG Werst on many occasions where he was with his wife and family - Unit functions, Organization Day, Christmas Ball, etc. It was easy to see that he was both a dedicated father and husband. He enjoyed life in the Army and working hard at his job as well as the sights and experiences offered in Germany.

Of the nearly four hundred men and women in the 9th Engineer Battalion I can honestly say that only a handful stand out in my mind as "memorable" Soldiers. SSG Shane Werst is one of those Soldiers. He was honest, hard working, conscientious, and a pleasure to be around. Knowing him as I did, I find it hard to believe that he could be involved in any type of disciplinary problem.

I currently serve as the Chief (GS15), Congressional Affairs Branch, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, HQDA, Washington, DC. I can be reached at (703) 693-2080 or by email at scott.chamberlain@hqda.army.mil. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions on SSG Werst. I am very willing and would be proud to provide testimony on his behalf.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 11 May 2005.

Respectfully,



Scott Chamberlain
Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)
U.S Army Corps of Engineers

26 MAY 2005

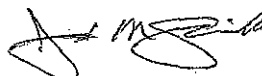
Gentlemen of the panel, you are about to make a decision that will undoubtedly affect the rest of SSG Shane Werst's and his family's lives. I would like to take this opportunity to present you with my personal and professional opinion of him.

Serving as the platoon leader of 1ST Platoon, A/1-8 IN, I was given the privilege of working with and leading SSG Werst on numerous combat missions. Upon initially meeting SSG Werst, he immediately impressed me with his ability to effectively lead his squad, execute engineer operations, and learn and adapt to my platoon's established Standard Operating Procedures. Additionally, his understanding and experience in conventional infantry tactics of searching and clearing houses and performing dismounted patrols provided my platoon with added combat power and a means to execute our missions with much greater speed, security, and surprise. He performed over two dozen explosive breaches on entry points during missions while attached to my platoon. He aided in capturing enemy combatants in Balad and Samarra, significantly reducing the threat to Iraqi civilians and US Soldiers operating in these insurgent strongholds. His tactical and technical proficiency combined with his outstanding leadership in Engineer and Infantry operations were essential to my platoon's and battalion's success during Operation Ivy Blizzard and the mission A/1-8 IN executed on 2 JAN 03.

Working with SSG Werst on these missions, during both the planning and execution phases, allowed me to get to know him on a professional but also personal level. After training with and conversing with him during these planning phases for each of our missions, I immediately gained a respect for his knowledge, experience, and

proficiency. I also learned the importance the Army, his family, and his faith had in his life. His dedication to his ideals and principles inspired me to become a better leader, husband, and servant to Christ.

As we each embarked upon our military careers, we never anticipate an experience such as this could define our career and ultimately our life. You have heard the testimonies of multiple witnesses, some outlining the facts on 2 JAN 03 and others speaking on behalf of his impeccable character and ability to effectively lead soldiers in combat missions. I implore you to take these testimonies into account while determining the outcome of this outstanding Noncommissioned Officer's trial. SSG Werst is an excellent leader, a proven combat veteran, and more importantly, a compassionate, dedicated, and loving husband and father. In Matthew 10:39, Christ states that "Whoever finds his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Speaking from personal experiences, SSG Werst has in fact lost his life. I challenge you to provide him with the means and opportunity to find it. I am proud to have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom with SSG Shane Werst and will always consider him a friend and hero.



Jack M. Saville
1LT, IN

30 April, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I am witness to the heroic bravery that the Army has instilled in Staff Sgt. Shane Werst. Over numerous years of devotion, this man has set a positive example for many soldiers by living the Army Values.

When we first met, we disagreed entirely on the strength and integrity that the Army possessed as a whole. I declared that if the Army functioned properly it would be the backbone of the United States, where as without hesitation, Staff Sgt. Werst insisted that the Army is the stronghold of the United States because of its strength in numbers and its ability to function properly despite minor conflicts. After a lengthy heated debate Staff Sgt. Werst enlightened me with information and ideas that I had not thought of. However, I insisted that there is always room for improvement. Yet in a perfect world, our services would be useless. In our final comments we both chose to "agree to disagree" and set our differences aside.

A true leader must also be an exceptional follower. Since our very first conversation I knew that Staff Sgt. Werst was a remarkable leader and an outstanding follower. I felt that he had the ability to mold me into an excellent leader through advice, and his own experiences. From then on, he became my mentor.

As my enlistment came to an end, I asked Staff Sgt. Werst for advice pertaining to my future. Unexpectedly, he did not promote nor did he demote the Army for re-enlistment. He simply discussed my options and opportunities, and informed me that this

participated in Family Readiness Group (FRG) in the Army. With parental permission, Staff Sgt. Werst has even gone as far as participating as a father figure for children when their own fathers could not be present due to military missions and training.

Two precious little girls, Kendra and Brook, have spent many sleepless nights without their father. I know this because I was fighting and training proudly beside him. These two wonderful children already show signs of pride for their father because they know that the time that he is separated from them is time well spent. However, they have already been mentally affected by the issue that Staff Sgt. Werst is besieged with. It would be unfair, and tragically devastating to both girls to grow up without this extraordinary father figure.

In closing, I leave you with this; in order to get respect, you must give respect, and Staff Sgt. Shane Werst is one of the most respectable people that I have the honor of knowing. Separating him from his family, his friends, and civilization as we know it will not prove anything, nor will it improve anything. He does not belong anywhere except his own chosen path, where he has already made a significant contribution. Thank You Staff Sgt. Werst.

Your friend,



Jeremy R Cook

To Whom It May Concern:

From Jack Weiman, a family friend

Subject: Character reference for Staff Sgt. Shane Werst

It has been my pleasure to have known Shane Werst for approximately 20 years.

When he was a Jr. High student I had oversight responsibilities for our church's Jr. High Program. Shane's attitude and behavior, as a young teenager was similar to that of his peers. He was rambunctious and imaginative. However, when I provided corrective instruction, he and his classmates, responded respectfully and made the necessary changes. Additionally, he responded well to biblical and adult guidance.

As the years went by he continued to grow and mature, retaining a somewhat restless spirit, somewhat like myself, searching for a direction and purpose. His nature seemed responsive and he possessed a willingness to cooperate. Although he sought to accommodate social and authority limitations he also expected to be able understand the rationale.

After leaving high school our personal contact ended. I nevertheless was able to stay current as to his life path, through an active friendship with his parents. I enjoyed learning about his US Army career, his marriage and his becoming a father.

Our lives again made direct contact in the summer of 2004 when he and his family visited his parents. He took the occasion to speak publicly to a group of friend at our church regarding the war in Iraq. As he spoke I recalled the hesitant teen of the past. What I saw before me was the confidence of a mature and well trained soldier, who exhibited the poise of a leader, and possessing compassion for his men. I saw this as a reflection of pride in his country, his family and his uniform. I saw that he had found his desired direction and purpose. When we spoke personally, we recalled earlier times and enjoyed reminiscing.

As we spoke and embraced I was touched by the character of this young man whom I had know in years past, who was now obeying his Commander and Chief, loving his family and friend and protecting our freedom and our way of life. I saw a dedicated representative of my country protecting and teaching these ideals, of personal responsibility, political freedom, and service to our fellow man, to the Iraqi people.

As a veteran, USN 1957-1961, and the dad of an active duty submariner, USS La Jolla, SSN 701, it is my privilege, honor and a blessing to have written on behalf of Staff Sgt. Shane Werst.

Sincerely,


Jack Weiman

TO : SSgt Shane Werst

FROM : George Norman Coates II, Major USAF Retired

RE: Testimony to your character

DATE: March 28, 2005

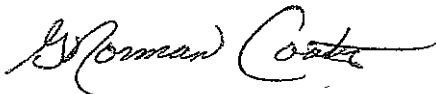
This is a letter to speak to the positive, wholesome character of Shane Werst. I have known Shane for over 18 years and know him to be a compassionate, caring person willing to put others first and stand for what is right and just.

We met while Shane actively participated in our church activities, youth club activities, church choir and musical presentations as well as a member of the El Toro High School marching and touring band. As an active band parent chaperone, I supervised him on many band trips, competitions and had prolonged exposure to his activities and actions. I never once had to reprimand him for incorrect actions or activities.

Shane and I have talked often, one on one, as he grew up through the high school years and whenever he came home on leave after he joined the military. I always found him to be seeking truth, military correctness and to be willing to be used for good. I cannot fathom him acting in any other way but honestly seeking to correctly handle a wartime, life threatening challenge to the best of his abilities and character and according to his training.

I have seen Shane grow in leadership and maturity in his military life and pray the military will honor his service for us all. As a retired Air Force officer, I am proud to call Shane a fellow preserver of freedom in all parts of the world.

Sincerely,



George Norman Coates II
Major, USAF Retired

March 29, 2005

SUBJECT: CHARACTER TESTIMONY FOR SHANE WERST

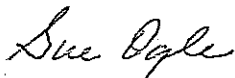
As a military widow, I understand the dedication of a career military person. They live, eat, and sleep the military. Their families are second to their careers. This has definitely been the case of Shane Werst. The time he served his country away from his family was part of his job, and he never complained about it. He missed months of the precious lives of his daughters because he was away from home serving his country. He loved what he was doing!

I do not know the details of what he is being charged with, but I do know he does **not** deserve to be sent to prison. He can be much more valuable as a husband, father, and citizen by continuing to serve his country, rather than our tax dollars paying for him to stay in prison. Shane is a good and respectable person; he is an excellent father. I have known Shane since he was a baby, and know his background quite well. In the years he has been in the Army, I have observed his passion for his job.

In a letter that Shane wrote from Iraq, he talked of all the danger he was in—bullets literally going through his legs, over his shoulders, and splattering around him. On his dog tags he carried a Bible verse—Joshua 1:9. “I will be strong and courageous. I will not be discouraged or terrified; for the Lord my God is with me wherever I go.” His squadron had a prayer they prayed at every service, whether it be religious or otherwise. It was called the “Fighting Eagle Prayer” and it goes as follows: “Almighty God, the author of liberty and champion of the oppressed, hear our prayer. We are the soldiers of the 1st BN 8th Inf Regiment; “Fighting Eagle” acknowledge our reliance upon you as we labor to defend our nation with honor and dignity. Protect and strengthen this “Band of Brothers” as we endeavor to do your will. Grant us the wisdom by your mind, courage by your heart, and strength by your hand. It is for you we battle, and unto you the victory. Our nation’s freedom and heritage is built on our faith in you. We are the “Fighting Eagles,” in God we Trust.” This speaks for the character of Shane and what he stands for.

Please consider these things and don't ruin the life and family of this young man.

Sincerely,



Sue Ogle

March 29, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

This is my story; please do not stop reading until the end!

I was born September 1956. My parents divorced not long afterwards. My mother was my primary caregiver until January 1969 when she died of cancer. Thankfully, since I was only 12, I had a sister and brother-in-law that took me to raise. At that time, I had the first "true" family I had ever had. My sister and brother-in-law made great parents, and he was the only "dad" I ever knew.

My brother-in-law, James L. Watson Jr. (Jimmy), was a helicopter pilot with the United States Marine Corps. After he served 13 months in Vietnam, he was stationed at Santa Ana Air Facility in Tustin, California. At that time, my sister and Jimmy decided to take in foster children because they were unable to have children.

On March 11, 1974, Shane Werst was placed in our home as our first foster child. We were so excited. I loved being an aunt and taking care of him. It was one of the most memorable days of my life. Three months later, we received his sister Shelly. We had a perfect family! What other blessings could we ever want? They were such good children and brought us such joy. The court was going to let my sister and brother-in-law adopt Shane and Shelly; but our whole world came tumbling down on us faster than we could imagine. On February 18, 1975, Capt. James L. Watson Jr. was killed in a helicopter crash while on a training mission around El Toro, CA. Following the funeral, my sister and I had to give up the two children we had grown to love so much. They stayed in California and we moved to Tennessee.

Throughout the years, Shane and Shelly's new adoptive parents were great about letting us stay in contact. Thank the Lord for them. They sent us photos and came to Cleveland, TN, to visit us.

After Shane joined the Army, he was stationed in Ft. Benning, GA. This was close enough to come visit us; it was wonderful being around him. We have kept in close contact since he has been in the Army. I met his wife Stacey right after they married, and I have been around Shane as a father with his girls', Kendra and Brooke. I've never seen such a devoted dad. Many dads with young children go out with their buddies all the

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time and have no close ties to their children, but NOT SHANE!! He puts his wife and daughters before anything else, except his military duties. The Army has provided him a true military family life

I want to talk about Shane as a soldier in the Army. He has been such a "gung ho" soldier and so pro Army. He is decorated for serving in Kosovo and South Korea and received a bronze medal. It seems 13 years of complete devotion means nothing now. Would he have made it to be a squad leader if he was not a very dedicated soldier? All the medals and honors have just faded away.

I helped him when he was in Iraq by sending him and his troops 31 boxes of items to help them to get through the year. Shane asked me to send one of everything I sent for each of his troops. He did not want to get anything that he couldn't share with others.

Now I ask you to give him some compassion. You "the United States" send these soldiers over to Iraq to keep "peace;" I do not know what went on over there, but I do know Shane's character as well as if he was my own son!

I lost the only "dad" I knew to the Marine Corps. Please don't let me loose the only "son" I've ever felt I've had, to the Army.

Again, please show some compassion to a very dedicated soldier!!

Sincerely,



Deborah Webb

CH (MAJ) Tim Meador

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May 10, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in reference to SSG Shane Werst. I was the 4th Engineer Battalion Chaplain, (3rd BCT/4th ID) from January 2001 to May 2004. I served with SSG Werst during this period of time, which included deployments to the National Training Center and Iraq. Our paths crossed on numerous occasions in the field, in garrison, and at family support group meetings. I knew him and his wife Stacy on a personal and professional basis.

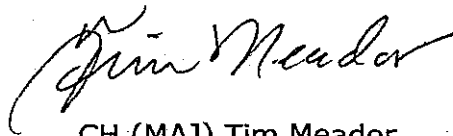
SSG Werst is a skilled, professional soldier. He cared for the men under his command as their Squad Leader. I saw this on a regular basis as I visited, and at times lived with, Bravo Company in Iraq. I watched him work with, encourage, and train his soldiers in the profession he loved. Never was there a time that he did not concern himself for their personal well-being and that of their families. He frequently put the best interest of his squad above his own. And while I cannot comment on his technical proficiency (due to my inexperience), I can say that he was admired by soldiers above and below him in rank, for his skill and abilities as a leader of men. The respect I saw given to him was the kind given to one who knows his craft especially well. He was trusted both up and down the chain of command.

SSG Werst is also a committed family man. He loves and values Stacy and their children more than anything on this earth. At Fort Carson, I saw them as having a warm and loving home, which overflowed to others. Both Shane and Stacy were involved in the family support group at Bravo Company. There, I saw them taking care of younger soldiers and families through their actions and their words. It was a team effort on their part. On several occasions I had the opportunity to talk with Shane and Stacy about some concerns they had for several soldiers and family members in Bravo Company – people that they were trying to help. These actions are a statement of who they are as a couple. To me, this experience speaks volumes to the quality of their relationship and the importance of family in their lives. Even now, SSG Werst's first concern is how to best take care of his loved ones.

Finally, SSG Werst is a spiritual man, a person of faith. He attended many of my field worship services throughout our time together in Iraq. From my conversations with him, I can tell you that he is a man who believes in right and wrong, accountability and responsibility, and forgiveness and grace.

When the occasion for reading this letter is long forgotten, SSG Werst will need to rebuild his life. I think it is important to note that he has a life that can be rebuilt. The foundation for it is already in place: in the people he loves, in the faith he espouses, and in the standards of conduct that he lives by in his daily life. There are productive days ahead him. He will go on to make new contributions for his own well-being, for the good of his family, and for the benefit of the larger community. I expect him to rise and make a valuable impact in the future. I am confident of it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tim Meador".

CH (MAJ) Tim Meador
US Army Chaplain
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