UNCLASSIFIED

CASUALTY WORKSHEET

SUBMIT INITIAL CASUALTY REPORT WITHIN 3 HOURS OF INCIDENT SEND ALL AVAILABLE DATA BUT DO NOT HOLD REPORT
SEND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AS NECESSARY TO UPDATE/ADD ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION

1. REPORT TYPE: X INITIAL ____ SUPPLEMENTAL ____ STATUS CHANGE

2. CASUALTY TYPE: A. HOSTILE B. NONHOSTILE

3. CASUALTY STATUS: A. NSI B. SI C. VSI D. DECEASED (also complete Deceased Worksheet)

DOCTOR'S NAME (IF STATUS IS OTHER THAN NSI): ____

7. CATEGORY: A. CIVILIAN D. FRGN NATIONAL C. MILITARY E. RETIRED

8. SSN: (B)(6) 9. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI): DAZACHACON, EDWIN

10. RACE: C. WHITE M. ASIAN/PI N. BLACK R. AMERICAN IND/ALASKA NATIVE X. OTHER

11. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD): ____ BIRTH COUNTRY: US OTHER: ____

12. RANK: SSG 13. BRANCH OF SERVICE: A. ARMY F. AIRFORCE M. MARINES N. NAVY

13A. SERVICE COMPONENT: C. CIVILIAN G. GUARD R. REGULAR V. RESERVE

14. PARENT UNIT: *HSC/3/7th SFG* PARENT UIC: ____ TF: FOB 73

31. VEHICULAR INVOLVMENT: A. AIRCRAFT G. GROUND VEHICLE M. MORE THAN ONE TYPE Y. NONE

32. POSITION IN VEHICLE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: B. CDR C. COPILOT D. CREWCHIEF E. OTHER CREW F. DOOR GUNNER G. OBSERVER H. PASSENGER I. PILOT K. RTO L. DRIVER P. PEDESTRIAN X. OTHER Z. UNKNOWN

35. DUTY STATUS (AT TIME OF INCIDENT): PDY OTHER: ____ 50. DUTY/TNG RELATED: YES NO

36. INCIDENT DATE/TIME (YYYYMMDD; TIME (ZULU)): 0430Z 13 FEB 06

37. INCIDENT LOCATION (CITY & COUNTRY): (B) (1) (1.4A)

39. CIRCUMSTANCES (describe in detail the situation that caused the casualty, include individuals activity/actions at the time): Vehicle destroyed by IED

EVAC LOCATION: BAGRAM KANDAHAR KABUL K2 MAZAR-E-SHARIF ORGUN-E SALERNO NONE

41. DIAGNOSIS (Be specific as to location/types of wounds): ____

40. INFLICTING FORCE: A. ALLIED FORCES B. US FORCES E. ENEMY FORCES U. UNKNOWN

FOR NSI HOSTILE INJURIES ONLY:

A. SOLDIERS STATES DO NOT NOTIFY NOK

B. NOK NOTIFIED/WILL BE NOTIFIED BY SOLDIER:

NAME OF NOK: ____ *DATE/TIME:* ____
(for "will be notified" give approximate time soldier will be able to do so)

C. REQUEST CAC COMPLETE NOK NOTIFICATION

APPOINTMENT/TERMINATION RECORD - AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(Read Privacy Act Statement and Instructions before completing form.)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: E.O. 9397, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3325, 3528, DoD Financial Management Regulation, Vol. 5, Chapter 33, and DoDD 7000.15, DoD Accountable Officials and Certifying Officers.
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To maintain a record of certifying and accountable officers' appointments, and termination of those appointments. The information will also be used for identification purposes associated with certification of documents and/or liability of public records and funds.
ROUTINE USE(S): The information on this form may be disclosed as generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. It may also be disclosed outside of the Department of Defense (DoD) to the the Federal Reserve banks to verify authority of the accountable individual to issue Treasury checks. In addition, other Federal, State and local government agencies, which have identified a need to know, may obtain this information for the purpose(s) identified in the DoD Blanket Routine Uses published in the Federal Register.
DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may preclude appointment.

SECTION I - FROM: COMMANDER/APPOINTING AUTHORITY

1. NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)	2. TITLE	3. DOD COMPONENT/ORGANIZATION
(B) (6)	Commander	CJSOTF AFGHANISTAN

4. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	5. SI
20060120	

(B) (3) (B) (6)

6. NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)	TITLE
EDWIN H. DAZACHACON	ING AGENT/SSG

8. DOD COMPONENT/ORGANIZATION	10. ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code)
SOTA 708	SOTA 708 CJSOTF AFGHANISTAN

11. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)	12. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPOINTMENT (YYYYMMDD)
	20060120

13. POSITION TO WHICH APPOINTED (X one)

☐ CERTIFYING OFFICER ☐ ACCOUNTABLE OFFICIAL ☒ OTHER (Specify) PAYING AGENT

14. YOU ARE HEREBY APPOINTED TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITY SHOWN ABOVE. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE:
Paying Agent for Major Force Program (MFP 11) operational funds, Class 1 Subsistence funds, Commanders Emergency Relief Program (CERP) Funds, Small Rewards Program (SRP) Funds, Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) Funds and SF 44's in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

15. YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING REGULATION(S) NEEDED TO ADEQUATELY PERFORM THE DUTIES
DoDFMR, Vol 5, chapter 33.

SECTION III - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPOINTMENT

I acknowledge and accept the position and responsibilities defined above. I understand that I am strictly liable to the United States for all public funds under my control. I have been counseled on my pecuniary liability and have been given written operating instructions. I certify that my official signature is shown in the box below.

16. PRINTED NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)	17. SIGNATURE
EDWIN H. DAZACHACON	

SECTION IV - TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

		18. EFFECTIVE DATE (YYYYMMDD)	19. APPOINTEE INITIALS
	The appointment of the individual named above is hereby revoked.		

20. NAME OF COMMANDER/APPOINTING	21. TITLE	22. SIGNATURE
(B) (6)	CJSOTF A COMMANDER	

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS
CJSOTF-AFGHANISTAN
APO AE 09354

AOSO-SFT-J8 21 JAN 06

MEMORANDUM FOR Disbursing Officer, DFAS-IN, DSSN 5570

SUBJECT: Paying Agent Appointment

1. Under the provisions of DODFMR 7000.14-R, Volume 5, Paragraph 020602, **SSG EDWIN H. DAZACHACON,** (B)(6) **, SOT-A-708, CJSOTF-A**; is appointed as a Paying Agent to DFAS-IN, Mr. (b)(6) Central Disbursing Officer, DSSN 5570.-

2. PURPOSE. To perform duties as Paying Agent for missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for MFP 11 Operational Funds, Class I (Subsistence) Funds, CERP, Small Rewards Program (SRP) Funds and Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA). I understand that this is a contravention of referenced regulations. However, shortage of personnel makes it impossible for us to accomplish the mission without appointing the same Paying Agent for different types of funding. The appointed agent has been briefed on the importance of not commingling funds and that in no situation will one type of funding be used to support a mission for which those funds are not intended. The agent acknowledges his personal pecuniary liability while acting as Paying Agent.

3. MAXIMUM AMOUNT: $200,000.00

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. Paying Agent is authorized to make official government purchases that have been properly prepared and signed by the accompanying Ordering Officer and vendor. Funds will not be entrusted to others or intermingled with other funds. Paying Agent will receive a copy of the DFAS-IN Finance Paying Agent MOI and understand these instructions prior to drawing funds. Funds will be secured at all times IAW DODFMR 7000.14-R Volume 5.

(B) (6)

I accept my appointment as Paying Agent to Mr. (b)(6) Disbursing Officer, DSSN 5570. I agree to hold myself accountable to the United States for all public funds received. I have been counseled as to my pecuniary liability, given SOPs, and had all my questions relating to this appointment answered satisfactorily.

EDWIN H. DAZACHACON
PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE

SSG U.S. ARMY
RANK AND BRANCH

SOT-A TEAM LEADER MID 3/1 SFG (A)
TITLE AND UNIT

SSG Edwin H. DazaChacon

SSG Edwin H. DazaChacon, 38, was a native of Belleville, Illinois. SSG DazaChacon was a graduate of Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois.

SSG DazaChacon enlisted in the Army in 1990. SSG DazaChacon served with the 508th Infantry Regiment (Airborne) in Vicenza, Italy and participated in deployments to Southwest Asia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and the Sinai. He also served with 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, during Operation DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. SSG DazaChacon left Active Duty in 1997 and returned to Active Duty in March, 2005. He was then assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina and became the NCOIC of SOT-A Team 708.

SSG DazaChacon was killed in action on 13 February 2006. SSG DazaChacon was enroute to assist in the recovery of a disabled vehicle, when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in the vicinity of Deh Rawod, Afghanistan.

SSG DazaChacon was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Action Badge.

17 Feb 2006 6:41 AM Alert

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 144-06
February 17, 2006

DoD Identifies Army Casualties

The Department of Defense announced today the death of four soldiers who were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. They died north of Deh Rawod, Afghanistan, on Feb. 13, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV during combat operations.

Killed were:

Sgt. 1st Class Chad A. Gonsalves, 31, of Turlock, Calif. Gonsalves was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Edwin H. Dazachacon, 38, of Belleville, Ill. Dazachacon was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Clinton T. Newman, 26, of San Antonio, Texas. Newman was assigned to the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, Texas

Sgt. Alberto D. Montrond, 27, of Suffolk, Mass. Montrond was assigned to the Group Support Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

For further information related to this release, contact Army Public Affairs at (703) 692-2000.

Congressman Jerry F. Costello

12th District, Illinois

For Release: Wednesday, February 15, 2006
Contact: David Gillies: (202) 225-5661

SHILOH RESIDENT DIES IN AFGHANISTAN

SSG Edwin H. Dazachacon was a close friend of the Costello Family

(click on photo for larger version)

Washington - One of the four soldiers killed in action yesterday in Afghanistan when their humvee hit a land mine and came under mortar fire was Staff Sergeant (SSG) Edwin H. Dazachacon with the GSC 7th Special Forces Group based out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. SSG Dazachacon was a resident of Shiloh and a close friend of Congressman Costello's family.

SSG Dazachacon and Costello's son Jerry II met when they were both paratroopers in the 82nd Airborne Division and spent more than nine months together side by side during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After the Gulf War and completing his tour of duty, SSG Dazachacon moved to the Belleville area to be close to Jerry II and the Costello family.

"Our son Jerry served with Edwin, went to war with Edwin by his side, they had a special friendship that only two buddies who survived

combat could understand," said Costello. "Edwin was like a member of our family. We spent weekends, holidays and special occasions together for the past 15 years.

"Edwin died doing what he wanted to do - he loved his country, his family and our family. He was a dedicated soldier and a great person. We lost a special friend and the U.S Army and our country lost one of its best!"

SSG Dazachacon reenlisted in the Army after his initial service a few years ago to help fight the war on terrorism. He is survived by his mother and father and two sisters who reside in Diamond Bar, California.

Staff Sgt. Edwin H. Dazachacon

Killed in Action on Feb. 13, 2006

Operation Enduring Freedom

Staff Sgt. Edwin H. Dazachacon, 38, an Army crypto linguist assigned to HHC 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C., died Feb. 13, 2006 when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device north of Deh Rawud, Afghanistan.

Dazachacon, from Belleville, Ill., enlisted into active duty Nov. 11, 1997.

Dazachacon's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon.

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Edwin H Dazachacon

Belleville, Illinois

February 13, 2006

Age	Military	Rank	Unit/Location
38	Army	SSG	3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Killed north of Deh Rawod, Afghanistan, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV during combat operations.

DazaChachon, 38, was a native of Diamondbar, Calif. He joined the Army in March 1990. After a break in service, he reenlisted in the Army in 2005 and was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th SFG (A) as a senior cryptologic linguist in April.

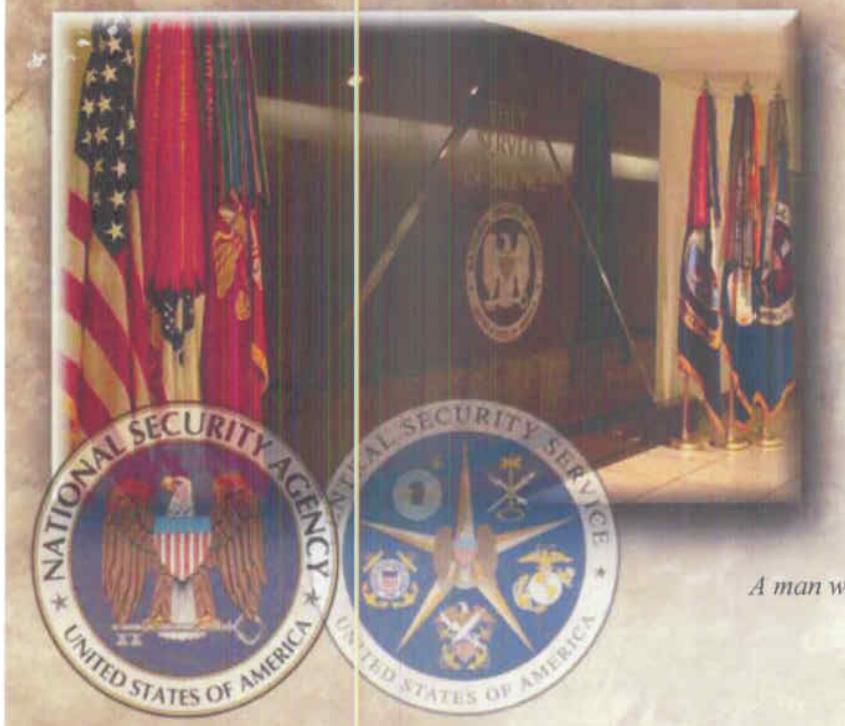
He spoke Spanish and was a college graduate.
He served with the 508th Infantry Regiment (Airborne) in Vincenza, Italy and participated in deployments in Southwest Asia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and the Sanai. He also served with 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

DazaChachon's military education included Basic Combat Training, Advanced Individual Training for Infantrymen, the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Airborne Course, and the Jumpmaster Course.

DazaChacon's awards and decorations included the Bronze Star with "V" device, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal,

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Multinational Force and Observers Medal, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Senior Parachutist Badge, Tunisian Parachutist Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Action Badge.

He is survived by his mother, Smila Franks of Brea, Calif., his father Edison DazaArana of Palmira Valle, Colombia, South America and his sisters, Monique Francesca DazaChacon of Brea, Calif., and Jessica DazaChacon of Laguna Niguel, Calif.

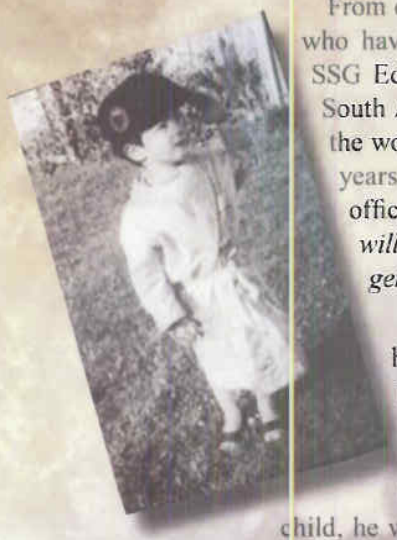


THEY SERVED IN SILENCE

The Story of a Cryptologic Hero

SSG Edwin H. DazaChacon, USA

A man who had become what he could and what he was----
Ready at any moment to gather everything
into one simple sacrifice.
Dag Hammarskjold

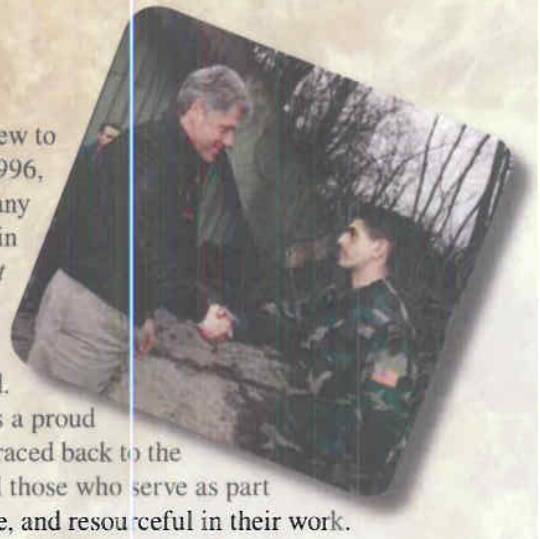


From our nation's inception, in times of war and peace, there have always been individuals who have had the courage and resolve to defend freedom under difficult circumstances. SSG Edwin Herbert DazaChacon was such an individual. Edwin was born in Colombia, South America, thousands of miles away from the United States. Ironically, he would enter the world on July 4th, the hallowed birthday of the nation he would one day defend. Seven years earlier on a cold winter morning in 1960, an American president on his first day in office had reminded all Americans, *"In your hands, my fellow citizens, more than in mine, will rest the final success or failure of our course. Since this country was founded, each generation of Americans has been summoned to give testimony to its national loyalty."*

As a young man, Edwin would immigrate to America. From his earliest days he would demonstrate an immense passion for life. Some would call him a true Renaissance man. Edwin loved all forms of music, history, and poetry. He was also uniquely talented in the areas of dance and the culinary arts. But as devoted as Edwin was to these pursuits, nothing could ever match the love he had for his family and friends. At the same time, however, Edwin had a bold and adventurous streak. As a child, he was fascinated with his cousin, a Colombian paratrooper. His sister Jessica Annette once noted that, *"Even when he was three or four years old, he was wearing an airborne hat. That was the man he was going to become."* This unique combination of toughness and sentimentality would serve him well in the years to come. His sister Monique Francesca fondly remembers her brother as, *"The man with the soul of a warrior and the heart of a troubadour."* In time, Edwin would bring his talents to the U.S. Army and nobly answer his adopted country's call to the colors.

During the first Gulf War, Edwin would fight with the 82nd Airborne. As a paratrooper in the famous All American Division, he would serve with distinction and develop a host of lifelong friendships. Later, he would participate in peacekeeping duties in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 1997, he concluded his initial enlistment, entered civilian life, and joined the Army Reserve. Edwin would remain a civilian until shortly after the attacks on our nation on the morning of September 11, 2001.

After the crucible of 9/11, Americans everywhere experienced a wide range of emotions and reactions. Edwin's response to the attacks was to volunteer once again for active duty. At the time, he told his sister that he intended *"to do something instead of*



sitting back and criticizing". Being an upbeat and proactive person was nothing new to Edwin. He had always made it a point to accentuate the positive side of life. In 1996, President Clinton paid a visit to the U.S. military forces in Bosnia. At the time many of Edwin's fellow soldiers had been less than anxious to greet the commander in chief, but Edwin told a *Washington Post* reporter, *"It's good to see the leader out here asking about our needs. That's true whether the leader is the lieutenant or the president. And it's especially important for very young soldiers."*

Anyone who serves in our nation's armed forces is to be honored and admired. But it must be said that SSG Edwin DazaChacon was not just any soldier. He was a proud member of the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), a unit whose lineage can be traced back to the early days of WWII and was once known as the "Devil's Brigade". To this day, all those who serve as part of America's Special Forces are consistently called upon to be innovative, versatile, and resourceful in their work.

Like most members of his unit, Edwin had an array of talents. In addition to his infantry skills, he was adept at helping his fellow soldiers to win the equally important battle of providing and protecting critical information on the battlefront. Edwin provided vital linguistic and cryptologic-related support to coalition troops in the region. Sometimes he was a translator; on other occasions he helped those in harm's way to better discern the threats against them. But in whatever capacity he served, Edwin's work was indispensable in securing victory and saving lives. The motto of the Special Forces is *De Oppresso Liber* - to liberate the oppressed. During his time in our nation's military—whether he was in Bosnia, Iraq or Afghanistan—SSG Edwin H. DazaChacon more than lived up to this inspiring mantra.

On his last day on this earth, Edwin and three other servicemen were called upon to rescue a group of soldiers whose vehicle had overturned during a river crossing. On their way to the area, their Humvee hit a land mine and came under heavy enemy fire. All would perish in the ensuing firefight. For his bravery and courage that day, Edwin would posthumously be awarded the Bronze Star for Valor, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

Edwin's service and sacrifice for his nation, both on that day and throughout his life, would show that in his heart he understood the true meaning of what it means to be an American soldier. President Kennedy once said, *"In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility—I welcome it."*

Like President Kennedy, SSG Edwin H. DazaChacon never shrank from that responsibility. The energy, faith, and devotion that he brought to his endeavors will continue to inspire our country and all who serve it for generations to come.

SSG Edwin H. DazaChacon

United States Army

4 July 1967 - 13 February 2006

Photos courtesy of the DazaChacon Family
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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 600-8-22; the proponent agency is ODCSPER

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

1. TO	2. FROM	3. DATE
COMMANDER, SOCCENT MACDILL AFB, FL 33621	COMMANDER, TF-73 APO AE 09355	13 FEB 06

PART I - SOLDIER DATA

4. NAME	5. RANK	6. SSN
DAZACHACON, EDWIN H.	SSG	(B)(6)

7. ORGANIZATION	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS
TASK FORCE 73 APO AE 09355	ARCOM (2-OLC), AAM (1-OLC)

9. BRANCH OF SERVICE	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM	b. TO
USA - ACTIVE	BSM	17 JAN 06	13 FEB 06

12. REASON FOR AWARD		13. POSTHUMOUS
12a. INDICATE ACH, SVC, PCS, ETS, OR RET	12b. INTERIM AWARD YES [X] NO IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN	YES [X] NO
SVC		

PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA

14. NAME	15. ADDRESS
(B) (6)	XO, TASK FORCE 73 APO AE 09355

16. TITLE/POSITION	17. RANK
TF-73 EXECUTIVE OFFICER	MAJ

18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE	19. SIGNATURE
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	(B) (6)

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

20. ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT #1

SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE

ACHIEVEMENT #2

ACHIEVEMENT #3

ACHIEVEMENT #4

21. PROPOSED CITATION

SEE ATTACHED CITATION

NAME	SSN
DAZACHACON, EDWIN I.	(B)(6)

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 — 22b. DATE

23. **INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY** — a. TO CDR, CJSOTF-A, APO AE 09354 — b. FROM CDR, TF-73, APO AE 09355 — c. DATE

d. RECOMMEND: [X] APPROVAL [ ] DISAPPROVAL — UPGRADE TO: — DOWNGRADE TO:

e. NAME (B) (6) — f. RANK LTC

g. TITLE/POSITION TF-73 COMMANDER — h. SIGN (B) (6)

i. COMMENTS Best SOT-A team leader in this TF. Very deserved award.

24. **INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY** — a. TO CDR, SOCCENT, MACDILL AFB, FL 33621 — b. FROM CDR, CJSOTF-A, APO AE 09354 — c. DATE

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

e. NAME (B) (6) — f. RANK COL

g. TITLE/POSITION CJSOTF-A COMMANDER — h. SIGNATURE

i. COMMENTS

25. **INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY** — a. TO — b. FROM — c. DATE

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

e. NAME — f. RANK

g. TITLE POSITION — h. SIGNATURE

i. COMMENTS

26. **APPROVAL AUTHORITY** — a. TO ORDERS ISSUING AUTHORITY — b. FROM CDR, SOCCENT, MACDILL AFB, FL 33621 — c. DATE

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

e. NAME FRANCIS H. KEARNEY III — f. RANK BG

g. TITLE POSITION COMMANDING GENERAL — h. SIGNATURE

i. COMMENTS

PART V - ORDERS DATA

27a. ORDERS ISSUING HQ: HQ, SOCCENT, MACDILL AFB, FL 33621

27b. PERMANENT ORDER NO.

28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY: (B) (6)

28b. RANK: CDR

28c. TITLE/POSITION: DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

28d. SIGNATURE

29. APPROVED AWARD

30. DATE

31. DISTRIBUTION
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NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH

TO

STAFF SERGEANT EDWIN H. DAZACHACON

Staff Sergeant Edwin H. Dazachacon, United States Army, distinguished himself through meritorious service as Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of Special Operations Team Alpha-708, Forward Operating Base Cobra, Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Staff Sergeant Dazachacon participated in numerous combat patrols that provided substantial intelligence to the Task Force Commander for future missions His technical expertise as a Special Operations Team Alpha sergeant greatly enhanced the survivability of detachments on all combat patrols, providing time and accurate intelligence on anti-coalition military forces throughout the Oruzgan Province. When not on patrol, Staff Sergeant Dazachacon spent his time mentoring, assisting, and advising his subordinates ensuring they remained fully mission capable at a moment's notice. Staff Sergeant Dazachacon worked constantly to developed new techniques to use his equipment that would further increase the tactical effectiveness of any task force element on the ground. His technical and tactical proficiency, as well as his dedication to duty and selfless sacrifice, significantly impacted the combat effectiveness of detachments in contact and will continue to serve as a model for future team sergeants to follow.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TO

STAFF SERGEANT EDWIN H. DAZACHACON

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. STAFF SERGEANT DAZACHACON DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS A VOICE INTERCEPTOR SERGEANT FOR TASK FORCE 73 FROM 17 JANUARY 2006 THROUGH 13 FEBRUARY 2006. HIS ACTIONS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT DISTINCT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE COMBINED JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS TASK FORCE-AFGHANISTAN, SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CENTRAL, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.