



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
NAVY CROSS to

LANCE CORPORAL
JOSHUA R. MOOI
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For extraordinary heroism as Grenadier, 2d Platoon, Company F, Battalion Landing Team 2/1, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), Regimental Combat Team 2, 2d Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in New Ubaydi, Iraq on 16 November 2005. During Operation STEEL CURTAIN, 21 enemy personnel engaged Lance Corporal Mooi's platoon with grenades and automatic fire from several fortified buildings. Lance Corporal Mooi repeatedly exposed himself to reinforce engaged Marines in one of the heavily fortified buildings. He attacked the enemy at close range with grenades and his rifle to personally recover four wounded Marines and destroy fierce adversaries who were determined to fight to their death. On six occasions, Lance Corporal Mooi willingly entered an ambush site to pursue the enemy and extricate injured Marines. Often alone in his efforts, he continued to destroy the enemy and rescue wounded Marines until his rifle was destroyed by enemy fire and he was ordered to withdraw. Lance Corporal Mooi's relentless and courageous actions eliminated at least four insurgents while permitting the immediate care and evacuation of more than a dozen Marines who lay critically or mortally wounded. His valiant efforts were essential to saving the lives of ten Marines and inspired the Company to destroy 18 insurgents in the battle that ended further enemy resistance during Operation STEEL CURTAIN. Lance Corporal Mooi's outstanding display of decisive leadership, courageous actions, and total devotion to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy