

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

MAJOR PAUL M. SCHIMPF

Major Paul M. Schimpf, United States Marine Corps, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service as Attorney Advisor, Regime Crimes Liaison's Office, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq, from 20 September 2005 to 21 March 2006 during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. His outstanding leadership skill, unwavering focus on mission success, and selfless dedication to duty resulted in unparalleled progress made by the President's directed mission to assist the Iraqi Government in the prosecution of the former regime of Iraq. He was responsible for the coordination of safe passage of witnesses to and from the Sunni Triangle to appear in court, amid death threats and family attacks. He ensured all movements were safely accomplished without loss of life or injury. He served with passion as principal advisor to the court's Prosecution Team, introducing the concept of evidence presentation by a Prosecutor, bringing to light extensive written evidence that eventually led to a remarkable confession by Saddam Hussein in court. The turn around in performance and effectiveness of the court's prosecution of the former regime was largely due to his perseverance, initiative, and total dedication. Through his distinctive accomplishments, Major Schimpf reflected credit upon himself, the Multi-National Force-Iraq, the United States Marine Corps, and the Department of Defense.