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MEMORANDUM FOR Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, 1500 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-1500

SUBJECT: Nomination for SSG Daniel A. Griego as Keith L. Ware Journalist of the year.

1. SSG Griego joined the 100th MPAD in October, 2007, changing from a Signal specialty to become an Army Journalist. He is a dynamic leader, serving the unit with integrity and efficiency in all areas. SSG Griego brings relentless zeal to his writing tasks, telling high-quality Soldier stories, in-depth coverage of Texas Military Forces' interaction with the civilian population and special events. He has improved the unit's readiness and aptitude by streamlining all office systems. His invaluable contributions to the unit showcase his character and work ethic as a Soldier who rises to any occasion.

2. In 2009, SSG Griego became the unit expert on the Digital Video and Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS), completing both the 40 hour field operator course and the 56 hour advanced repair and service course. His commitment to ensuring the unit fully utilizes the opportunities afforded by DVIDS led to him tirelessly coordinating with state and local leadership to order a Norsat Newslink equipment set for the MPAD, to be used during hurricane mobilizations and other civil-military operations.

3. SSG Griego researched and wrote several standing operating procedures for the unit during 2009 including those for unit status reporting, the digital training management system, unit maintenance and IDT attendance improvement. These efforts resulted in an overall 97% rating on the unit's most recent state-level command maintenance inspection. He has also completed 90 hours of on-line coursework for modules from the unit supply specialist course and unit NBC defense course.

4. During non-duty hours, SSG Griego further serves his community with two non-profit, cultural heritage preservation groups: San Antonio's Deutsche Volkstanzverein and the San Antonio Mazurka Polish Dancers. They present authentic German and Polish folk dances respectively and share information about early settlers with audiences across the state. He is also an entrepreneur, serving as owner and senior officer of Inner Kingdom Games, publisher of the Shadowfist Card Game. His efforts there include game design, creative content review and tournament director for events in the U.S. and abroad.

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5. SSG Griego's military bearing includes setting the example in "looking like a leader" and a Soldier, in his uniform wear and bearing. He maintains a strict and effective physical training regimen and uncompromising adherence to the Army's height and weight standards in accordance with AR 600-9. SSG Griego scored 209 during his October 2009 physical training test. His all-encompassing attitude as a Soldier reflects the Army Core Values.

6. I enthusiastically support SSG Griego as journalist of the year. His dedication to service, commitment to excellence and unsurpassed capacity for growth make him the ideal candidate for such an honor. His personal and professional developments, from continuous enrollment in military on-line courses to successfully taking on new and challenging roles as a leader, set him apart as a top-tier Soldier, showing his peers, subordinates and leaders the standard to expect from one committed to excellence in Soldiering and journalism. He excels in ensuring the Soldiers' story reaches the public.

7. For further information, feel free to contact the undersigned at timothy.raymond@us.army.mil or 713-725-0654.

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