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MEMORANDUM FOR Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, National Guard Bureau, ATTN: NGB-OC-PA,

SUBJECT: Nomination for Mrs. Tarah Jackson as MG Keith L. Ware Moss-Holland Civilian Journalist of the Year

1. Mrs. Tarah Jackson is the editor-in-chief of the Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center command information products, The Crier and The Atterbury Bulletin. She is an excellent writer, photographer, editor and leader of troops. This Department of the Army civilian sets standards in teaching and mentoring, helping all the writers in the office to find their own voice and style while meeting the Army and Associated Press requirements. She gives new meaning to the term "team player" and is the example of a professional Army journalist.

2. Mrs. Jackson took on the role of editor for our publications in fall 2008 during a major personnel shift and shortage. Her zeal for the job has taken our publication from a standard command information product to one that we are excited to submit for awards. She edits and mentors up to 13 different journalists as they produce written, photographic and video news items for national release. She enforces a standard and enforces a motivation in her writers to always learn and grow in their craft.

3. Mrs. Jackson is constantly striving for perfection and growth in both her personal and professional life. She attended seminars this year on Lean Six Sigma, Risk Communications, Force Protection Exercises and the Public Affairs Symposium. She sought and completed her photography certification from Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis. She is currently winning an office "Biggest Loser" contest and spearheads the group workout program for her staff with unwavering motivation.

4. As a journalist, Mrs. Jackson has written more than 20 stories and has been published nationally in GX Magazine and Army.mil. She is a passionate and professional writer and photographer with a quality to her work that inspires Soldiers and civilians to better their skills. She has edited more than 110 stories this year with nearly a zero mistake rating and with 50 percent being same-day news and photo releases. She additionally took on the tasking and mentoring of a videographer this year and is co-producing a new "Rock Report" video news program.

5. Mrs. Jackson constantly volunteers for duties outside her normal scope, by teaching Unit Public Affairs training, pre-mobilization training and media awareness classes as well as going out on news-gathering missions and putting together high-quality professional development programs used by the entire state public affairs professionals. Last year she coordinated training

by the Society of Professional Journalists on newsroom writing, camera operations, writing leads, and Associated Press style rules. She also took lead on the Patriot Academy Grand Opening Ceremony and our involvement in the national exercise Vibrant Reponse.

6. Mrs. Jackson is everything a Public Affairs Officer hopes to have in the command information branch. She is a meticulous editor with a work ethic that needs no supervision. She has written and rewritten the standards for this office since her employment started two years ago as a public affairs specialist. She improves everything she touches and leads our writers and photographers by an example of professionalism and integrity beyond reproach.

7. Point of contact for this nomination is the undersigned or SGM Jodie Newby at 812-526-1433 or emails: lisa.kopczynski@us.army.mil or jodie.newby@us.army.mil

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