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

SUBJECT: Nomination for SGT William Hill as MG Keith L. Ware "Rising Star" Print Journalist of the Year

1. SGT William Hill graduated from the Defense Information School in March 2009 and started working full time as a photojournalist at Camp Atterbury that May. His willingness to take on new and challenging tasks every day, along with his dedication to the team and duties of this public affairs office has made him the best contributor to our command information program and this organization. His leadership and accountability served to be the greatest assets, as he was chosen above his peers for supervisory duties, post recognition and finance accountability.

2. In addition to producing a record 28 news stories in eight months as a new journalist and publishing 10 photo essays, SGT Hill also set a new standard of same-day release productions that included a photo essay, full news story and video release on DVIDs less than a month after starting in the public affairs office. He taught himself DVIDs operation to a trainer standard knowing that we were losing our key videographer, volunteered to be the credit card holder/supply specialist for the office, and was chosen above a more seasoned E5 to be in charge of office personnel.

3. SGT Hill proved his worth to Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center in November by being chosen as NCO of the Month by the Command Sergeant Major for his significant contributions to the mobilization and demobilization missions of this post. He was recognized in September by the state public affairs officer for his role in the NGB Patriot Academy Grand Opening Ceremony. He was responsible for ensuring the timely distribution of products to national media outlets at this and 3 other major Indiana events during the summer surge in training.

4. As a journalist SGT Hill is outstanding, but as a Soldier he is beyond reproach. He serves as a key member of the Post Suicide Prevention Council and the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers committee. He implemented a nutrition program for office staff and began a very motivating "Biggest Loser" competition that is still going strong and now includes members of two other commands. He is currently enrolling in classes to better his photography and writing skills and is always looking for ways to help others in and out of the office.

5. SGT Hill passed the annual physical fitness test in November 2009 improving his score by 10 points over previous tests and meets the height and weight standards of AR 600-9. He is an active participant in NCO development programs and passed all Warrior Tasks and Combative requirements on the first round.

6. SGT Hill had several challenges coming into this very active First Army and Indiana Public Affairs office: he was new to the Army National Guard, new to journalism and a new non-commissioned officer. With every challenge, he not only proves himself, he sets a new standard. He is the finest young NCO I've had the pleasure to work with in years and should be strongly considered for the "Rising Star" award. His integrity and no-stop attitude will make him continue to rise. You will see much more of this Soldier and his work in the future.

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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