

26 October 2010

From: William C. Turner, Lieutenant Colonel, USMC (Ret.)
To: Personnel Management Support Branch, (MMSB)
Via: Christian P. Hur, Captain, USMC

Subj: AWARD OF THE OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL ICO JOSE BRITO, SGT, USMC

Ref: (a) SECNAV Instruction 1650.1H

Encl: (1) Letter of Kenneth T. Cameron, 1stSgt, USMC (Ret.)
(2) Letter of Gene House, Federal contractor at MCAS Yuma
(3) Email of Lauren Eshelman, former Corporal, USMC
(4) Email of Wandy Rodriguezabreau, Staff Sergeant USMC

1. I was the Commanding Officer of Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona from July 2002 until July 2004. SGT Jose Brito was a member of my command and attached to the MCAS Crash Fire Rescue division.

2. I have been informed that SGT Brito's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) and 3270 do not reflect his being awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal in December 2002 because it was not forwarded to MMSB in accordance with Reference (a).

3. Pursuant to Reference (a), pp. 4-41 to 4-43, and Enclosure (4); the purpose of this letter is to correct SGT Brito's OMPF and service record by having the Outstanding Volunteer Service medal entered into his record.

4. Based on the review of the enclosures, a conversation with SGT Brito and CAPT C.P Hur, a Judge Advocate representing SGT Brito, I recall that SGT Brito was a member of the MCAS Color Guard and that he conducted Burial Details. I also remember that SGT Brito volunteered his time and assisted the Yuma Young Marines from April 2000 until December 2002. SGT Brito's service throughout the award period and during his time in my command was both honorable and commendable.

5. I firmly believe that SGT Brito was deserving of the award and that I approved the Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal (OVSM) for him. I am confident that he was awarded the medal in December 2002 during a Crash Fire Rescue formation at MCAS Yuma, AZ.

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7. Please contact me with any questions via email at
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cell: 808-284-7082.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. C. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "T".

W. C. TURNER

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Capt Hur
Sgt Brito