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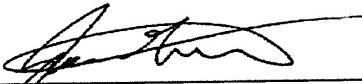
HAS BEEN AWARDED TO
MASTER SERGEANT JOE A. MUNOZ

FOR
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
30 OCTOBER 2019 TO **16 APRIL 2020**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Master Sergeant Joe A. Munoz distinguished himself by outstanding achievement as Specialist Section Chief, 378th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, 378th Expeditionary Maintenance Group, 378th Air Expeditionary Wing, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. During this period, while deployed in support of Operations INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and SPARTAN SHIELD, Sergeant Munoz led 80 personnel from two aircraft maintenance units across three unique career fields in the execution of 14,000 maintenance actions. His efforts drove 950 combat sorties and employment of 62 guided munitions, which culminated in the retrograde of Special Forces in Syria and elimination of nine enemy combatants. Additionally, Sergeant Munoz established the Wing's first Avionics Manager position in 15 years and managed the reliability, availability and maintainability logistics support system for all deployed AAQ-33 Pods. He guided a 100 percent pod report accuracy and 97 percent individual aircraft capture rate for long duration sorties, an eight year high. Finally, Sergeant Munoz synchronized the 79th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, integrating the utilization of High Anti-Radiation Targeting Pods for suppression of enemy air defenses. His actions laid the groundwork for preemptive airstrikes against Iran and ultimately deterred further military escalation within the Arabian Gulf. The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Munoz reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
23 APRIL 2020


JOSEPH T. GUASTELLA, JR.
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander, USAFCENT



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