

Army Staff Sergeant Ryan M. Pitts To Receive Medal of Honor

New York, NY (July 21, 2014) – President Barack Obama will award the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, to former Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts for conspicuous gallantry. Staff Sgt. Pitts received the Medal of Honor while serving as a forward observer with 2nd Platoon, Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, when Vehicle Patrol Base Kahler, near Wanat Village in Kunar Province.

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) joins a grateful nation in honoring Staff Sgt. Pitts for receiving the Medal of Honor.

"IAVA congratulates Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts on this incredible honor," said IAVA CEO and Founder Paul Rieckhoff. "His determination and courage to keep fighting to protect his fellow soldiers – despite being wounded – reflects the commitment to his nation. Our members are inspired by Pitts' bravery, selflessness and grit. Staff Sgt. Pitts is a shining example of the dedication and service that defines IAVA members everywhere. His leadership will continue to inspire Americans for generations to come."