

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 600-8-22; the proponent agency is ODCSPER

For valor/heroism/wartime and all awards higher than MSM, refer to special instructions in Chapter 3, AR 600-8-22.

1. TO CDR, V CORP APO AE 09302	2. FROM CDR 3D ID (M) (FWD) APO AE 09303	3. DATE 18 APR 03
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PART I - SOLDIER DATA

4. NAME AUSTIN, LLOYD J. III	5. RANK BG	6. SSN (b) (6)
7. ORGANIZATION HHC, 3D ID (M) FORT STEWART, GA 31314	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS DSSM, LOM, DMSM, MSM (4 OLC), JSCM, ARCOM, (5 OLC), AAM, (1 OLC)	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE US ARMY	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD SS	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 20 MAR 03 b. TO
12. REASON FOR AWARD	13. POSTHUMOUS	
12a. INDICATE ACH, SVC, PCS, ETS, OR RET SVC	12b. INTERIM AWARD IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA

14. NAME BLOUNT, BUFORD C.	15. ADDRESS HQ, 3D ID (M) FORT STEWART, GA 31314
16. TITLE/POSITION COMMANDER 3d INFANTRY DIVISION	17. RANK MG
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE COMMANDING GENERAL	19. SIGNATURE (b) (6)

PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)

20. ACHIEVEMENTS
ACHIEVEMENT #1 SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE
ACHIEVEMENT #2
ACHIEVEMENT #3
ACHIEVEMENT #4
21. PROPOSED CITATION SEE ATTACHED CITATION

NAME
AUSTIN, LLOYD J. III

SSN

(b) (6)

PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

22. I certify that this individual is eligible for an award in accordance with AR 600-8-22; and that the information contained in Part I is correct.

22a. SIGNATURE

(b) (6)

22b. DATE

18 Apr 03

23. INTERMEDIATE
AUTHORITY

a. TO

b. FROM

(b) (6)

c. DATE

d. RECOMMEND:

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APPROVAL

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DISAPPROVAL

UPGRADE TO:

DOWNGRADE TO:

e. NAME

f. RANK

g. TITLE/POSITION

h. SIGNATURE

i. COMMENTS

24. INTERMEDIATE
AUTHORITY

a. TO

b. FROM

c. DATE

d. RECOMMEND:

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APPROVAL

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DISAPPROVAL

UPGRADE TO:

DOWNGRADE TO:

e. NAME

f. RANK

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h. SIGNATURE

i. COMMENTS

25. INTERMEDIATE
AUTHORITY

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b. FROM

c. DATE

d. RECOMMEND:

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APPROVAL

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DISAPPROVAL

UPGRADE TO:

DOWNGRADE TO:

e. NAME

f. RANK

g. TITLE/POSITION

h. SIGNATURE

i. COMMENTS

26. APPROVAL
AUTHORITY

a. TO ORDERS ISSUING AUTHORITY

b. FROM CDR, 3D ID (M) (FWD)
APO AE 09303

c. DATE

d. ☒ APPROVED

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DISAPPROVED

RECOMMEND UPGRADE TO:

DOWNGRADE TO:

e. NAME

f. RANK

g. TITLE/POSITION

h. SIGNATURE

LTG

(b) (6)

i. COMMENTS

PART V - ORDERS DATA

27a. ORDERS ISSUING HQ

HQ V CORPS

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

27b. PERMANENT ORDER NO.

127-666

31. DISTRIBUTION

28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY

(b) (6)

28b. RANK

(b) (6)

28c. COMMENTS

29. APPROVED AWARD

SS

28d. SIGNATURE

(b) (6)

30. DATE

7 MAY 03

NARRATIVE

Brigadier General Lloyd Austin III has distinguished himself through exceptionally gallant service as the Assistant Division Commander of Maneuver, Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 20 March 2003 to 15 April 2003. General Austin continually placed himself and the Division Tactical Operations Center at the key point of the battle to provide command and control to the division on a fast-paced and violent battlefield. He was often subject to artillery and mortar fire as well as direct fire from the fanatical paramilitary forces. General Austin's firm and unwavering leadership during these times inspired the leaders and soldiers of the Third Infantry Division to achieve the unprecedented accomplishments of Operation Iraqi Freedom. BG Austin's gallantry under fire and his commanding leadership from the front make him especially deserving of the Silver Star award.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Brigadier General Lloyd Austin was the heartbeat of the division's attack from Kuwait to Baghdad. He coordinated the indirect fire plan, attack aviation, close air support and ground tactical maneuver securing the international border, which facilitated the divisions penetration of Iraq's initial defensive forces. While personally under indirect and direct fire numerous times, General Austin remained at the vanguard of every decisive engagement ensuring combat assets were available at the decisive point of each battle. During the battle for An Najaf, BG Austin never faltered, spending countless hours, countless days resourcing and controlling the close fight. If troops were in contact, he was as well, expending every resource at his disposal to aid his commanders and their soldiers. After 5 intense days of fighting, thousands of enemy lay dead, hundreds of technical vehicles strewn across the battlefield, and the division poised for an attack into Karbala. BG Austin orchestrated hundreds of Close Air Support sorties, simultaneously controlled several units in contact while clearing fires for multiple artillery barrages and missile strikes. His ability to see the enemy, see the Division, and see the terrain, while issuing concise guidance was instrumental to the success of the Division.

As the Division moved to attack Karbala, followed by an eventual push to Baghdad, BG Austin tirelessly remained focused on resourcing the close fight. His intensity, his desire for more intelligence, and his diligence in trying to do more for soldiers on the ground, sparked the Division Tactical Center and focused them during fight after fight. Again the combined arms fight, coupled with the joint power of the Air Force was brought to bear on the enemy under BG Austin's watchful eye and tactically patient hands. Making recommendations to the Commanding General to push hard into Baghdad, BG Austin forced the enemy to fight a battle they were not prepared to fight, resulting in an overwhelming success there by saving the lives of countless soldiers, while inflicting catastrophic damage on the Iraqi forces. With initiative, coupled with confidence and tempered by tactical savvy, BG Austin's guidance and leadership enabled the commanders to command with never a doubt that the battlefield operating systems would be there on time and in the right location to defeat the enemy.

Silver Star Citation
Brigadier General Lloyd J. Austin III
Headquarters and Headquarters Company
Third Infantry Division (Mechanized)

For exceptionally meritorious and valorous achievement while serving as the Assistant Division Commander of Maneuver for the Third Infantry Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Brigadier General Austin's expert leadership and direction of the Division's combined arms fight are in keeping with the highest traditions of senior military leadership. General Austin continually placed himself and the Division Tactical Operations Center at the key point of the battle to provide command and control to the division on a fast-paced and violent battlefield. His gallantry in combat and relentless determination to defeat the enemy reflects great credit upon himself, Third Infantry Division and the United States Army.



THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, 9 JULY 1918
(AMENDED BY ACT OF 25 JULY 1963), HAS AWARDED THE

SILVER STAR

TO

BRIGADIER GENERAL LLOYD J. AUSTIN III

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS AND VALOROUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS THE ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER OF MANEUVER FOR THE 3D INFANTRY DIVISION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. BRIGADIER GENERAL AUSTIN'S EXPERT LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION OF THE DIVISION'S COMBINED ARMS FIGHT ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF SENIOR MILITARY LEADERSHIP. HE CONTINUALLY PLACED HIMSELF AND THE DIVISION TACTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER AT THE KEY POINT OF THE BATTLE TO PROVIDE COMMAND AND CONTROL TO THE DIVISION ON A FAST-PACED AND VIOLENT BATTLEFIELD. BRIGADIER GENERAL AUSTIN'S GALLANTRY IN COMBAT AND RELENTLESS DETERMINATION TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 3D INFANTRY DIVISION, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



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SILVER STAR

TO

MAJOR GENERAL BUFORD C. BLOUNT III

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS AND VALOROUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS THE DIVISION COMMANDER OF THE 3D INFANTRY DIVISION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. UNDER MAJOR GENERAL BLOUNT'S EXPERT LEADERSHIP THE 3D INFANTRY DIVISION ATTACKED 350 MILES INSIDE THE COUNTRY OF IRAQ, WINNING EACH BATTLE DECISIVELY, CAPTURING BAGHDAD CITY AND ULTIMATELY CAUSING THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF SADDAM HUSSEIN'S REGIME. MAJOR GENERAL BLOUNT CONTINUOUSLY PLACED HIMSELF AT THE KEY POINT OF THE BATTLE TO PROVIDE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE DIVISION ON A FAST-PACED AND VIOLENT BATTLEFIELD. HIS GALLANTRY IN COMBAT AND RELENTLESS DETERMINATION TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY IS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF SENIOR MILITARY LEADERSHIP. HIS ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 3D INFANTRY DIVISION, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.