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NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

SOLDIER'S MEDAL

TO

SGT JEREMY D. DAHLEN

Sergeant Jeremy D. Dahlen, United States Army, heroically distinguished himself by exceptionally brave and selfless conduct in the face of a volatile, chaotic and life-threatening situation as a Practical Nursing Noncommissioned Officer, USA MEDDAC, Fort Leavenworth Kansas. At approximately 1700 on September 7, 2016, SGT Jeremy Dahlen, with utter disregard for his own safety and well-being, displayed great courage coming to the aid of a gravely injured fellow Soldier who was being actively attacked by an armed assailant. The victim, a commissioned Army Nurse Corps officer from the same unit as SGT Dahlen, was being attacked by her Department of the Army Civilian subordinate with a straight razor and scissors after he had just doused the victim with gasoline and set her ablaze. SGT Dahlen, responding to the scene following the activation of the facility's fire detection system, came upon the still ongoing attack. Despite the area being filled with smoke, smelling heavily of gasoline, possibly still on fire and occupied by the attacker, SGT Dahlen, without hesitation and with total disregard for his own safety, rushed in to engage the armed attacker and pulled him off of the victim. SGT Dahlen disarmed and subdued the attacker utilizing only his bare hands before directing additional responders to attend to the medical needs of the victim. SGT Dahlen continued to control the attacker singlehandedly utilizing unarmed combatives techniques until additional staff arrived and until the attacker was finally turned over to law enforcement. SGT Dahlen's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military heroism and selfless service, and reflect distinct credit upon himself, this Command and the United States Army.