

**BRONZE STAR RECOMMENDATION FOR
STAFF SERGEANT JEFFREY M. UHL
MOTOR TRANSPORT OPERATOR**

On 20 March 2005, Convoy 678N was traveling north on Alternate Supply Route Bismark enroute to Logistics Support Area Anaconda. At 11:30, forty to fifty anti-coalition forces with the intent to cause U.S. casualties ambushed the convoy. The ambush consisted of the following elements: heavy small arms fire; an improvised explosive device placed in the road median; two road obstacles meant to funnel and fix the convoy; accurate rocket propelled grenade fire with direct hits to vehicles; and a ground assault of 10-15 insurgents upon a line of convoy escort platforms. The insurgents captured were carrying handcuffs suggesting they were intending to capture United States Soldiers. Staff Sergeant Uhl was the convoy commander and passenger of the first M915 in the convoy. He heard a barrage of gunfire and heard Specialist Higgins, the driver of the lead convoy escort platform, "yell contact left!" Specialist Higgins slowed down and pulled to the left and Specialist Bos, Staff Sergeant Uhl's driver, maneuvered his vehicle to the right. As they were pulling around, a civilian sport utility vehicle pulled across the median from the opposite lane and rammed perpendicularly into another civilian vehicle that had pulled over to let the convoy pass. Specialist Bos sped up and rammed the sport utility vehicle's rear half, spun it out of the way, and maneuvered out of the kill zone. Staff Sergeant Uhl directed that Specialist Bos drive for about two miles further down the road to set a casualty collection point. Staff Sergeant Uhl had been monitoring the radio as they were driving out of the kill zone and knew that he had to set up a casualty collection point. As soon as they stopped, he began gathering information so that he could request a medical evacuation. Frustrated that he had little visibility over what was happening to his convoy, he mounted and radioed to his convoy that he was coming back in. Heeding the advice of one of his soldiers who advised him not to return to the kill zone, Staff Sergeant Uhl instead remained at the casualty collection point and assessed casualties as they came in. A heavy equipment transport convoy approached from the opposite lane and that convoy's convoy commander offered their assistance. Staff Sergeant Uhl told her of the damage they had sustained and asked if he could use one of her convoy escort platforms to return to the kill zone and assess the situation. She agreed, and he returned to the kill zone and ensured that all vehicles, soldiers, and equipment were accounted before returning to the casualty collection point. Upon returning to the kill zone, Staff Sergeant Uhl coordinated for the recovery of the non-mission capable vehicles that remained in the kill zone. Staff Sergeant Uhl maintained visibility of all soldiers, civilian drivers, vehicles, and equipment while reacting to a complex ambush. His leadership and execution of skills learned during training allowed for the successful medical evacuation of all wounded soldiers and civilians. His actions and leadership while under fire are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army, and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.