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AWARD OF THE GEORGIA MEDAL FOR VALOR

Under the provisions of Georgia Code, Title 38, § 38-2-283 (Military, Emergency Management, and Veterans Affairs) and Georgia National Guard Regulation 672-1 (Decorations, Awards, and Honors, Individual and Unit Awards), for meritorious act, achievement, or service rendered to the state of Georgia, this military decoration is presented to:

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ANTONIO BANDERAS-DESOTO
DETACHMENT 1, BATTERY C, 3D BATTALION, 142D FIELD ARTILLERY
US FORCES COMMAND

For intrepidity in the face of danger to his own life, and to the lives of others who were present at the chicken factory fire on 2 May 2019 in Social Circle, Georgia. Sergeant First Class Banderas-DeSoto, working with Georgia Guardsmen from the 214th Field Artillery Regiment who were also present, faced the danger and ran into the building numerous times, rescuing fourteen children. Without his selfless and deliberate action, it is clear that many of those children would have perished.

These accomplishments, in keeping with the finest traditions of military service, reflect great credit upon this individual, the Georgia Department of Defense, and the state of Georgia.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR



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