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7<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT (MOBILE)  
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MEMORANDUM FOR Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), Bldg. 8-1808, 4700 Knox St., Fort Bragg, NC 28310

SUBJECT: Nomination for SPC Ken Scar as James P. Hunter Award for Outstanding New Writer.

1. SPC Ken Scar is one of the brightest stars in the 7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. He is a high-caliber Soldier who embodies tactical and technical proficiency. At 42 years old, he is the oldest lower enlisted Soldier in the unit, but he continually scores a 300 on the Army Physical Fitness Test in the 17 to 21 age bracket. SPC Scar is also one of the best writers and photographers in the unit. His photographs and stories have been featured in dozens of publications and websites across the United States.
2. In December 2011, SPC Scar was selected as the Task Force Maverick Battalion Soldier of the Month. Additionally, his work has appeared in Stars and Stripes, the Army Times, Fox News, the Time Magazine website, and the U.S. Army and Air Force home pages. Three of SPC Scar's photos were chosen to be in the 2011 Army Photographs of the Year gallery on the army.mil website.
3. SPC Scar is the most productive journalist in the unit. He has completed more than 15 missions outside the wire with various units throughout Regional Command-East. Task forces request his support by name after his embed because of his positive attitude, hard-work and physical prowess. RC-East senior leadership also recognizes his skills and personally requests that he accompany them on battlefield circulations. SPC Scar has received six coins for excellence in the five months he's been deployed to Afghanistan.
4. SPC Scar isn't one to rest on his laurels. He is always seeking ways to improve his skills as a writer and a photographer. During his down time, SPC Scar stays busy by constantly looking for story ideas and taking his camera with him wherever he goes. SPC Scar gladly shares his knowledge with other journalists by teaching them how to improve their photography skills. He also works willingly with other Soldiers in the unit who need to improve their PT scores.
5. SPC Scar is in compliance with the height and weight standards of AR 600-9. He scored a 300 on his December 2011 APFT. SPC Scar earned the APFT badge and holds the record for fastest run time in the unit at 11 minutes and 48 seconds.

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6. SPC Scar is an impressive Soldier that any unit would be lucky to have. He is humble, unselfish, and a good role model for those who serve with him. During this deployment alone, he has accomplished things some people never accomplish in their entire careers. He is determined to succeed in whatever he does. SPC Scar has a bright career ahead of him and is truly deserving of this award.

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