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TO: Larry DiRita
CC: Gen Pete Pace
Matt Latimer
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*
SUBJECT: Heroes

When discussing the war several days ago, someone asked me, "Where are all the heroes?" We have had one Medal of Honor winner, who did receive appropriate recognition in the White House, although the bounce in the press seemed relatively minor. I see by the attached sheet that we have awarded 16 Service Crosses (the second highest decoration for combat valor) and 314 Silver Starts (the third highest).

What should we be doing to highlight these people, particularly the 16 Service Cross recipients? Are their stories being told in compelling ways, using our websites? Are we telling their stories in speeches and other public ways? Do the COCOMs and the Service Chiefs participate?

Please let me know what we are doing. Also please send me whatever press the Medal of Honor recipient received.

Thanks.

Attach. 12/13/05 Service Crosses and Silver Stars chart

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TO: Mr. Marriott and Dr. Bucci
FROM: Hedy Henderson
SUBJECT: Service Crosses and Silver Stars

During the Global War on Terrorism, there have been 16 Service Crosses and 317 Silver Stars awarded.

The breakdown by Service is as follows:

	Service Crosses	Silver Stars
Army	3 Distinguished Service Crosses	211
Navy	3 Navy Crosses	23
Air Force	2 Air Force Crosses	34
Marine Corps	8 Navy Crosses	49
TOTAL	16	317

The Services are still compiling the names, dates, and narratives for these awards.

