

CAPTAIN TIMOTHY CULPEPPER
2008 Recipient

LTG Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence



CPT Timothy Culpepper enlisted in the Army in November 1999 and went to Officer Candidate School (OCS) immediately following Basic Combat Training. He graduated from OCS in September 2000, then went to Airborne School, followed by MIOBC at Fort Huachuca. From 2002-2003, he served as Assistant S2 for 2-503rd Infantry Battalion (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy. His unit deployed to Kosovo in January 2003 for a show-of-force mission. Three months later, the unit deployed to Iraq and stayed until February 2004. From March 2005 to March 2006, now Captain Culpepper deployed with the 173rd Airborne Brigade to Afghanistan. He served as the S2 Planner and then the S2X for the Brigade.

CPT Culpepper graduated from the MI Captain's Career Course in February 2007 and immediately deployed to Hohenfels, Germany to become the S2 for the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry (Task Force Eagle), 173rd Airborne Brigade. His subsequent deployment to Eastern Paktika, Afghanistan, was his third one-year combat tour in five years. As coordinator of TF Eagle intelligence assets, CPT Culpepper, implemented innovative approaches to intelligence collection, analysis, and the integration of new technologies, and committed himself to defeating corruption. He set a new standard for managing and developing a battalion-level intelligence organization while engaged in combat operations.

Some of CPT Culpepper's significant accomplishments over 2007 include the direction of a SIGINT collection program that intercepted, processed, and analyzed more than 6,500 enemy transmissions and development of a Fusion Center by which intelligence sharing and targeting occurred simultaneously with multiple organizations and agencies within AO Eagle. CPT Culpepper integrated all collection Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance platforms and provided unprecedented support to the TF Eagle commander, to Troops in Contact, and to six companies at nine outlying forward

operating bases and combat outposts. His implementation of a revolutionary Battalion Intelligence Team (BIT) concept increased manpower and analytical capabilities in his S-2 Section and across the entire battalion task force. He integrated the Biometric Automated Tool System (BATS) and the Handheld Interagency Identity Detection equipment (HIIDEs) system into the BIT, and led TF Eagle to become the first conventional task force in Afghanistan to emplace and effectively utilize Unmanned Ground Sensors along critical insurgent infiltration routes. CPT Culpepper also spearheaded TF Eagle's attack against corruption in local government resulting in the ouster of an Afghan Border Police commander and imprisonment of a notorious battalion commander who had facilitated the movement of Taliban and al Qaeda forces through Paktika Province.

CPT Culpepper's efforts resulted in invaluable contributions as part of Combined Joint Task Force-82 and the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan through Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) VIII. His achievements clearly represent the qualities for which the LTG Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence was established and serve as an excellent example of leadership and competence in the MI field.