

**2015  
JOHN K. SINGLAUG/JEDBURGH AWARD  
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The first annual MG® John K. Singlaub Jedburg Award was presented to Chief Warrant Officer 2 George A. Valdez, a Special Forces Soldier assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) on 20 February 2016 at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's Red and Black Ball. The award was presented by MG Singlaub (himself), LTG Ken Tovo (USASOC, Commanding General), and Treasurer Pete Buscetto, representing the SOA.

Part of CW2 Valdez's citation reads: "Valdez distinguished himself during six combat and two operational deployments spanning Iraq, Afghanistan, El Salvador, and other locations. During his most recent deployment to Afghanistan, Valdez successfully led his Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha through more than 15 firefights and

the disarming of 82 IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices) without the loss of a single Soldier."

CW2 Valdez received a rosewood plaque with a two-dimensional medallion bearing the raised likeness of Maj. Gen. Singlaub, donated by the Special Operations Association, and a USASOC certificate recognizing him as this year's Maj. Gen. Singlaub Award winner. In addition, CW2 Valdez's name will be engraved on a command plaque displayed in the USASOC Headquarters building commemorating all future winners of the award.



