

2015 EDMUND L. GRUBER AWARD

**SFC Jorge A. Moraguzman of C Battery, 2nd Battalion,
15th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Drum, N.Y.**

This award recognizes an outstanding Field Artillery Soldier for superb individual thought, innovation and overall excellence that results in significant contributions to or the enhancement of the Field Artillery's war fighting capabilities.

SFC Moraguzman's contributions as a Firing Battery Platoon Sergeant during 2015 were numerous; but here are some highlights of his accomplishments.

This is an NCO who has a strong history of excellent leadership. Following redeployment from Afghanistan in 2014, he led First Platoon through a transition from 3rd Brigade Combat Team to 2nd Brigade Combat Team. In nine short months, he led his platoon through reset operations, transitioned to a new brigade, completed readiness training, and geared up for a second deployment to Afghanistan.

Despite an extremely demanding operational tempo that included New Equipment Fielding/New Equipment Testing (NEF/NET) for their new M777A2s, a grueling sub-zero temperature Brigade Fire Support Coordination Exercise (FSCX), a rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center, selection to provide support to the U.S. Army Operational Test Command to test the advanced Precision Guided Munitions (PGMs), and then ultimately deploying in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel 15-16, SFC Moraguzman led his platoon to excellence.

Within four months of deployment, SFC Mora-



SFC Jorge A. Moraguzman, right, in action. U.S. Army photo released.

guzman supervised his platoon as they fired over 150 fire missions in support of multinational operations within the TAAC-S Area of Operations and Kandahar Airfield (KAF) Ground Defense Area (GDA).