

Airman receives Bronze Star

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A member of Osan's Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 611 was recently awarded a Bronze Star for his actions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Special Agent Scott Thompson received the award Dec. 13 for his actions as the senior interrogator while he and four other special agents were attached to an Army unit.

"I was pretty excited when I found out I was going to receive a Bronze Star," SA Thompson said. "But given everything I and the four other special agents did as a team, I'd say it was definitely some of the best work I have ever seen from OSI agents.

"When I was receiving the award, I remember standing in formation and thinking about three people from the Army unit we were attached to who didn't make it back," he said. "While what I went through was tough, I can only imagine what their families were and are still going through."

According to his award citation, "(SA) Thompson's dedication to excellence and personal involvement



Col. Wilkins Urquhart, AFOSI Det 611 commander, pins the Bronze Star on SA Scott Thompson Dec. 13. Photo by Senior Airman Eunique Stevens

was an integral part of target development for missions designed to ensure the safety and security of host nation and coalition forces."

It goes on to say he was pivotal in planning and executing many combat operations of national significance.

Prior to deploying, SA Thompson met the other members of his team when he went through a month-long training course at Fort Huachuca,

Ariz. After conducting the training they would need to be effective at their jobs, the team was sent to Iraq for five months.

"I think the biggest thing that allowed us to do our job while we were there was support from our leadership," SA Thompson said. "Without that, we wouldn't have been able to do a lot of the things accomplished."