



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
200 STOVALL STREET
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PERMANENT ORDERS 203-40

22 July 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion,
1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division
(9 March 2008 to 15 March 2009)

Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team,
4th Infantry Division (9 March 2008 to 15 March 2009)

Company B, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team,
4th Infantry Division (9 March 2008 to 15 March 2009)

Company D, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion (3 July 2008 to
15 March 2009)

Detachment, 312th Psychological Operations Company
(14 April 2008 to 28 October 2008)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: As listed above

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

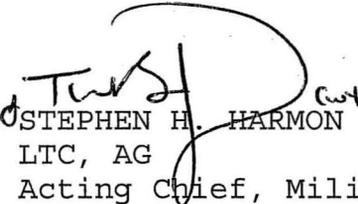
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 9 March 2008 to 15 March 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit served with marked distinction as it conducted over 2,500 combat patrols, 600+ route clearance and route sanitation missions, 500+ explosive ordnance disposal responses, and 2,000+ interrogations. Additionally, the unit flew in excess of 2,500 tactical unmanned aircraft systems hours, assisted in the capture of over 165 high value individuals and insurgents, and managed over 350 projects worth in excess of \$125 million dollars. Further, the unit's tour of duty was characterized by discipline and selfless service as its Soldiers placed themselves in harm's way, on a daily basis, to protect and provide security for the citizens of the Rashid District of Baghdad. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), and the United States Army.

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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in Department of the Army General Orders. Official verification of a specific unit's entitlement to display the award in the form of an appropriate streamer on its flag or guidon rests with the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), which is also responsible for determining official unit Lineage and Honors for MTOE organizations. CMH will use this permanent order to authorize the manufacture of an appropriate decoration streamer for any organization clearly entitled to display the award, and the completed streamers will be distributed by the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


STEPHEN H. HARMON III
LTC, AG
Acting Chief, Military
Awards Branch