



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDER 083-02

23 March 2012

Headquarters Detachment, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Company A, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Company B, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Company C, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Support Company, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Company B, 5th Special Forces Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 25 October 2007 to 25 May 2008

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 25 October 2007 to 25 May 2008, Headquarters Detachment, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment and its subordinate units were distinguished through exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as part of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, Northern Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this period, the unit distinguished itself as Special Operations Task Force-North. The members of the task force exhibited selfless service, determination, and esprit-de-corps by blending both lethal and non-lethal means into a comprehensive approach to defeat the insurgency. The unit operated brilliantly among four primary Lines of Operation: improving Foreign Internal Defense; executing combined offensive operations with Iraqi Security Forces in the lead; targeting enemy networks; and building Networks of Influence. The unit deployed into exceptionally challenging parts of Iraq, to include: Sinjar, Rabia, Mosul, Tal Afar, Bayji, Tikrit, Samarra, Hawija, Kirkuk, Erbil, Qayyarah Airfield (West), Balad, Baqubah, Muqadiyah, Balad Ruz, Jalula, Tuz, and Sulaymaniyah. Its actions paved the way for Direct Action, Foreign Internal Defense, Military Source Operations, Humanitarian Assistance, Psychological Operations, Civil Military Operations and Iraqi Special Forces expansion. Operating with great courage, resolve, diligence, ingenuity and energy, the unit's actions directly guaranteed the Iraqi Security Forces had the training, ability and clout necessary to ensure the future security of northern Iraq. The unit's positive impacts on the overall

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security of Iraq are a testament to the courage, skill, extraordinary actions and professionalism of the Special Operations Forces community. The deeds performed by the members of this task force exemplify the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the unit, the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, Special Operations Command Central, United States Central Command 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. The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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