



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 279-02

06 October 2010

Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne)
Company A, 3d Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne)
Company B, 3d Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne)
Company C, 3d Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne)
Headquarters Service Company, 3d Battalion, 3d Special Forces
Group (Airborne)
1st Platoon, Company B, 319th Military Intelligence Battalion
Company D, 97th Civil Affairs Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 01 October 2007 to 01 June 2008

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 01 October 2007 to 01 June 2008, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne) and its subordinate units exhibited extraordinary gallantry valor, steadfast determination, professionalism and esprit de corps in the an extremely hazardous operational environment during combat operations in Afghanistan. Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne) focused on four primary lines of operations: Training Afghanistan National Security forces, Tribal Engagement with local tribes and tribal elders, the development of intelligence networks through advanced special operations and direct action operations. Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne)'s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of Military Service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Special Operations Command Central and the United States Army.

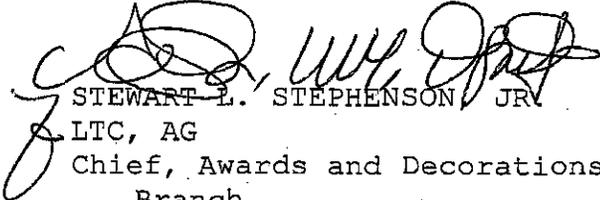
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is 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

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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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.
LTC, AG
Chief, Awards and Decorations
Branch