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PERMANENT ORDERS 044-05

13 February 2012

Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment  
Company A, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment  
Company B, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment  
Company C, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment  
Company D, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 15 March 2010 to 1 November 2010

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

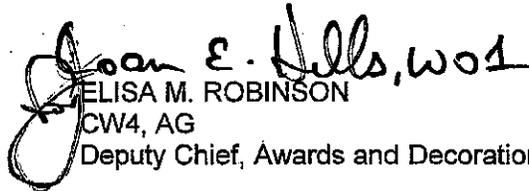
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 15 March 2010 to 1 November 2010, Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as part of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, Baghdad and Southern Iraq, in support of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. During this period, the unit distinguished itself as the Special Operations Task Force-Central. 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 insurgent efforts. The unit operated brilliantly among four primary Lines of Operation: improving Foreign Internal Defense, executing partnered lethal operations with Iraqi Security Forces in the lead; targeting enemy networks; and developing Networks of Influence. The unit deployed into exceptionally challenging parts of Iraq, to include: Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Al Kut, Al Diwaniyah, Suwayrah, Al Hillah, Najaf, Karbala, and the critical mahallas of Baghdad during and after the sensitive national Iraqi elections and the further implementation of the Security Agreement. The unit's actions paved the way for Foreign Internal Defense, Advanced Special Operations, Direct Action, Military Information Support 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 Baghdad and southern Iraq. The unit's positive impacts on the overall security of Iraq are a testament to the courage, skill, extraordinary actions and professionalism of the Special Operations Forces community. The dedication and outstanding performance of Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment and its subordinate units exemplify the highest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the unit, 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
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Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch