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PERMANENT ORDER 345-08

11 December 2013

Headquarters Detachment, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group,
1st Special Forces Regiment
Company A, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces
Regiment
Company D, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces
Regiment
Company C, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces
Regiment (1 April 2011 to 13 January 2012)
Company A, 4th Special Forces Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces
Regiment (1 April 2011 to 25 January 2012)
Company C, 4th Special Forces Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces
Regiment (1 April 2011 to 25 January 2012)
Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment (1 April 2011 to 8 December 2011)
Company A, 1st Battalion, 505th Infantry Regiment (21 June 2011 to 8 February 2012)
Company C, 1st Battalion, 505th Infantry Regiment (21 June 2011 to 8 February 2012)
Company E, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (24 June 2011 to 15 February 2012)
Company B, 1st Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
(23 July 2011 to 15 February 2012)
Company C, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces
Regiment (4 August 2011 to 15 February 2012)
Seal Platoon, Trident 2037
Company A, Marine Special Operations Battalion (1 April 2011 to 10 October 2011)
Company G, Marine Special Operations Battalion (15 June 2011 to 15 February 2012)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 1 April 2011 to 15 February 2012

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy, during the period 1 April 2011 to 15 February 2012, Headquarters Detachment, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment, and the cited units, jointly known as Special Operations Task Force-West. The units distinguished themselves by displaying extraordinary heroism under enemy fire within Herat, Uruzgan, and Kunduz Provinces as well as other locations to encompass most of Afghanistan. During this period, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines of this Special Operations Task Force-West planned and executed sustained combat measures against a determined enemy insurgent force, ultimately denying sanctuary to the anti-coalition enemy of Afghanistan fighters and leading to the destruction of insurgents and expulsion

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of terrorist organizations. The actions of Special Operations Task Force-West led directly to the stabilization and legitimacy of the Government of Afghanistan. Through countless hours and unrelenting attention to detail, the service members of Special Operations Task Force-West effectively executed complex combat operations that set the conditions for victory in support of Operation Enduring Freedom against an asymmetric warfare enemy integrated throughout Afghanistan. The exemplary performance of Headquarters Detachment, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment and the cited units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon themselves, service members of Special Operations Task Force-West 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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