



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

PERMANENT ORDER 115-08

25 April 2014

Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group,  
1st Special Forces Regiment  
Operational Detachment Alpha 5223, Company B, 2d Special Forces Battalion,  
5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment  
Detachment, Company D, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group,  
1st Special Forces Regiment  
Detachment, Civil Affairs Team 644, Company D, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion  
Detachment, Civil Affairs Team 645, Company D, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion  
Detachment, Company B, 112th Signal Battalion  
Detachment, Company C, 2d Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment (1 May 2013 to 16 June 2013)  
Detachment, Company B, 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment (17 June 2013 to 1 November 2013)  
Company G, Marine Special Operations Battalion  
Seal Platoon, Trident 1712

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 1 May 2013 to 1 November 2013

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy, during the period 1 May 2013 to 1 November 2013, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XX, Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment and the cited units, while serving as Special Operations Task Force-West. The hard work and actions of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Noncommissioned Officers and Officers ensured the prosperity and security of Herat and Farah Province Afghanistan. The units distinguished themselves by displaying exceptional bravery, valor, determination, camaraderie and professionalism during combat operations in Afghanistan. The units tenaciously and successfully executed Village Stability Operations to promote local security, governance and development. The units achieved these lines of effort by engaging at village, district and provincial levels to promote the governance which allowed Afghan Local Police to provide the security that supported a legitimate Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. All of this was enabled by kinetic Afghan Commando Operations conducted by Special Operations Kandaks trained and mentored by four Marine Special Operations Teams, a United States Naval Special Warfare Platoon and a Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha. Special Operations Task Force-West's relentless efforts to bring stability, security and governance to the population of Western Afghanistan significantly and positively impacted the legitimacy and Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan while furthering campaign objectives of Coalition Forces throughout the Combined Joint Area of Operations-Afghanistan. By their courage, valor and dedication in the performance of their duty, the Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment have brought great credit upon themselves, the cited units, the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan, Special Operations Command-Central, United States Forces-Afghanistan 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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Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch

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