Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 82d Airborne Division (17 January 2007 to 5 April 2008)
Network Support Company, Special Troops Battalion, 82d Airborne Division (17 January 2007 to 15 March 2008)
82d Airborne Division Band (24 January 2007 to 15 March 2008)
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 129th Field Artillery Regiment (7 March 2007 to 15 March 2008)
Company F, 2d Battalion, 82d Aviation Regiment (17 January 2007 to 15 February 2008)
Detachment, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment (15 March 2007 to 5 April 2008)
Detachment, Company D, 1st Battalion, 158th Infantry Regiment (15 March 2007 to 15 March 2008)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: As listed above
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 17 January 2007 to 5 April 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 82d Airborne Division and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit demonstrated the ability to adapt, innovate, and accomplish all missions above and beyond the call of duty. The battalion’s ability to secure Bagram Airfield, the Bagram Security Zone, establish a strong presence in the Tag Ab district, and provide combat service support to the Combined Joint Task Force 82 represents an outstanding effort. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 82d Airborne Division’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 82d Airborne Division, and the United States Army.
PERMANENT ORDERS 134-33, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332, 14 May 2009

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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, and the completed streamers will be distributed by HRC.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

[Signature]

MARION A. SALTERS
LTC, AR
Chief, Military Awards Branch