Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 82d Airborne Division (30 April 2009 to 3 June 2010)
Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 82d Airborne Division (30 April 2009 to 3 June 2010)
Company B (Provisional), Special Troops Battalion, 82d Airborne Division (2 May 2009 to 3 June 2010)
82d Airborne Division Band (30 April 2009 to 3 June 2010)
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment (7 May 2009 to 3 June 2010)
Company E, 57th Signal Battalion (1 July 2009 to 3 June 2010)
5th Public Affairs Detachment (7 May 2009 to 3 January 2010)
40th Public Affairs Detachment (7 May 2009 to 20 January 2010)
Detachment, 410th Military Police Company (15 August 2009 to 15 February 2010)

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 30 April 2009 to 3 June 2010, 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 served as the battlespace owner and Provincial Reconstruction Team in Parwan Province, Afghanistan. In doing so, the battalion displayed outstanding commitment to excellence in its execution of counter-insurgency operations and immeasurably contributed to the success of United States Forces-Afghanistan. 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, Combined Joint Task Force-82 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.
PERMANENT ORDERS 176-01, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332, 25 June 2010

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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Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch