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6 October 2010

Headquarters Detachment, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group
Company B, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group
Company C, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group
Company D, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group
Company A, 2nd Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group
Operational Detachment Alpha 5332, Company C, 3rd Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group
Operational Detachment Alpha 0236, Company C, 2nd Special Forces Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 25 July 2009 to 25 January 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 25 July 2009 to 25 January 2010, Headquarters Detachment, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a part of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, they exhibited selfless service and determination by blending both lethal and non-lethal means into a comprehensive approach to defeat insurgency. Deployed into exceptionally challenging parts of Iraq, members of the task force operated brilliantly among the four primary lines of operation: improving Foreign Internal Defense, executing combined offensive operations with Iraqi Security Forces in the lead, targeting enemy networks, and building Networks of Influence. The 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group and its subordinate units’ outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Special Operations Command Central 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:

STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.
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Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch