Headquarters Detachment, Support Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Detachment, Company A, Support Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Detachment, Company B, Support Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
56th Chemical Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 23 January 2009 to 25 July 2009, the Headquarters Detachment, Support Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 5th Special Forces Group Battalion deployed in support of the Combined Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, Camp Syverson and Joint Base Balad-Iraq. The unit excelled while providing multifunctional theater-wide support to the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula’s diverse 2,700 man formation while simultaneously conducting split-based CONUS operations. The Headquarters Detachment, Support Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment 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; the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, United States Special Forces Command and the United States Army.

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
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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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