PERMANENT ORDER 053-05

22 February 2012

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division
Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division
Company B, Special Troops Battalion, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division
Company C, Special Troops Battalion, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 30 January 2011 to 31 December 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 30 January 2011 to 31 December 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and its subordinate units demonstrated exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit demonstrated exceptional leadership in providing outstanding versatile support throughout the Task Force Duke Area of Operations. Its mentorship capability effectively enabled the Afghan Border Police to plan and execute operations independently, improving the security and promoting the legitimacy of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Afghan National Army. The dedication and outstanding performance of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, the 3d Brigade Combat Team, Combined Joint Task Force-1 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.
PERMANENT ORDER 053-05, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 22 February 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

[Signature]

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