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Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 4th Special Forces Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Support Company, 4th Special Forces Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Company A, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Operational Detachment A 5121, Company B, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Operational Detachment A 5131, Company C, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Operational Detachment A 2313, Company A, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
TU Trident Seal Team Three
TU Trident Seal Team Four

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 1 August 2010 to 1 April 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 1 August 2010 to 1 April 2011, the stalwart Soldiers of Special Operations Task Force-Southeast continuously displayed unmatched determination, a wealth of resourcefulness, innovation, persistence, skill and esprit de corps during their deployment to Southeast Afghanistan. These Soldiers demonstrated the ability to innovate and accomplish the mission beyond the call of duty and were instrumental in allowing the influence of the legitimate Afghan government through explosive southeastern provinces of Day Kundi, Uruzgan, Zabul and other areas of Southeast Afghanistan. Whether the mission called for decisive, direct, and lethal action against the enemy, or communication, cultural sensitivity and compassion were crucial. The professionalism and determination with which Special Operations Task Force-Southeast completed their mission and exceeded all expectations and benchmarks previously established. The 4th Battalion and the cited units that comprised Special Operations Task Force-Southeast clearly demonstrated the ability to successfully implement and execute the fundamentals of counterinsurgency operations and kinetic and non-kinetic lines of operations allowing the battalion to defeat extremists with professionalism and valor. The positive and distinctive effects and accomplishments will be present throughout Southeast Afghanistan for years to come. The dedication and outstanding performance of Special Operations Task Force-Southeast is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon Special Operations Task

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. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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