3d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Company A, 3d Special Forces Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Company D, 9th Psychological Operations Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 September 2010 to 1 April 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 September 2010 to 1 April 2011, the 3d Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group and the cited units distinguished themselves in Iraq as Special Operations Task Force-North. The Task Force exhibited selfless service, determination, and esprit-de-corps by blending both lethal and non-lethal means into a comprehensive approach to defeat the insurgency. Members of the Task Force operated brilliantly among two primary Lines of Operations; executing combined offensive operations with Iraq Security Forces in the lead and building networks of influence. The units deployed into exceptionally challenging parts of Northern Iraq, paving the way for Direct Action, Foreign Internal Defense, Military Source Operations, Humanitarian Assistance, Psychological Operations, Civil Military Operations, and Iraqi Special Operations Forces expansions. Operating with great courage, resolve, diligence, ingenuity, and energy; their actions directly guaranteed the impacts on the overall security of Iraq and is a testament to the courage, skill, extraordinary actions, and professionalism of the Special Operations Forces community. The deeds performed by the members of the Task Force exemplify the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves, the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, Joint Forces Special Operations Command Central-Iraq, United States Special Operations Command Central, United States Central Command 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
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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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