Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 April 2012 to 10 December 2012
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 April 2012 to 10 December 2012, the Headquarters, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and the cited units deployed to Regional Command-South in Southern Afghanistan to conduct combat and advisory operations in support of Afghan National Security Forces. The cited units were responsible for enabling Afghan National Security Forces to improve their operational effectiveness, expand security throughout the region and assist the Afghan National Security Forces in assuming the security lead in Southern Afghanistan. The efforts of the cited units have been an absolute “Game Changer” for the overall Afghan Campaign Plan. In less than 90 days, the cited units manned, equipped, trained and deployed 47 Special Forces Assistance Teams to Regional Command-South in support of Command International Security Assistance Force mission requirements. While deployed the cited units accomplishments were critical and paramount to the Afghan National Security Forces, Regional Command-South and the International Security Assistance Force mission. They developed strong and effective Afghan
National Security Forces and prepared them to assume the security lead in Kandahar, Zabul and Qalat Provinces, Afghanistan. The cited units made significant and enduring contributions to the Afghan people by enabling the Afghan National Security Forces to provide for their citizens’ security, providing an opportunity for a stable and effective Government and ultimately contributed to the future prosperity of the Afghan people. The leadership, professionalism, dedication, tactical and technical knowledge of all the cited units exceeded every standard and is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service. Their actions contributed significantly to the success of Regional Command-South, International Security Assistance Force and United States Forces-Afghanistan. Their actions reflect great credit upon themselves, the cited units 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 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.

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