PERMANENT ORDER 323-01

1st Special Forces Operational Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 1 June 2005 to 30 June 2006
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For exceptionally valorous and heroic actions against an armed enemy. During the period 1 June 2005 to 30 June 2006, the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment engaged in sustained and armed conflict with known enemies of the United States of America throughout the Iraqi theater of operations. This relentless and unprecedented series of special operation missions, conducted with surgical precision culminated in tracking and the eventual death of a highly sought after enemy combatant. During this dynamic period of sustained, high risk combat operations the members of the unit earned numerous Valor Awards and were awarded numerous Purple Hearts. The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment's combat prowess, martial skills and steadfast devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves, Special Operations Forces 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. 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.
PERMANENT ORDER 323-01, U.S. Army Human Resources Command,
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 19 November 2013

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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