Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Company D, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment (1 July 2013 to 1 February 2014)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 29 May 2013 to 1 February 2014
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 29 May 2013 to 1 February 2014, Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Throughout this period, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines of this Special Operations Task Force-West planned and executed sustained combat operations against a determined enemy insurgent force, ultimately denying sanctuary to the anti-coalition enemy of Afghanistan fighters and leading to the destruction of insurgents and expulsion of terrorist organizations. The actions of Special Operations Task Force-West, led directly to the stability and legitimacy of the Government of Afghanistan. Through countless hours and unrelenting attention to detail, the Service Members of the Special Operations Task Force-West effectively executed complex combat operations that set the conditions for victory in support of Operation Enduring Freedom against an asymmetric warfare enemy integrated throughout Afghanistan and surrounding countries. By their exemplary performance of duty the Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment and the cited units brought great credit upon themselves, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan, Special Operations Command-Central, United States Forces-Afghanistan 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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