1st Special Forces Operational Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 July 2007 to 15 December 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 July 2007 to 15 December 2011, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment displayed exceptionally meritorious service in Operation Iraqi Freedom, throughout the country of Iraq. The unit conducted extremely difficult and sensitive special operations in a high threat overseas area under the full purview of the regional Combatant Commander, The Secretary of Defense and the Commander-in-Chief. The tactical developments and impact of the battlefield ultimately led to a tremendous success for the Special Operations Community and the Nation. The unit planned, prepared for and executed the missions in a manner indicative of a National asset under the Department of Defense. The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon themselves, the Special Operations Community 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 ORDERS, 266-10 U.S. Army Human Resources Command,  
1600 Spearhead Division Ave., Fort Knox, KY 40122, 23 September 2014

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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