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Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division
Detachment, Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division
Company B, Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division
Detachment, Company C, Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division
Headquarters, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division
Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment (25 July 2011 to 31 July 2011)
Troop B, 3d Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment
Troop C, 3d Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment
Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment
Company A, 2d Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment
Detachment, Company A, 2d Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment (22 July 2011 to 31 July 2011)
Detachment, 705th Explosive Ordnance Detachment (25 July 2011 to 1 August 2011)
Detachment, Company B, 303d Military Police Battalion (25 July 2011 to 31 July 2011)
Detachment, Company C, 94th Brigade Support Battalion (25 July 2011 to 31 July 2011)
Detachment, 301st Psychological Operations Company (25 July 2011 to 31 July 2011)
Detachment, 55th Signal Company (25 July 2011 to 31 July 2011)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 20 July 2011 to 31 July 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 20 July 2011 to 31 July 2011, the Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division and the cited units displayed extraordinary heroism against an armed enemy in Chak-e Wardak, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. The units planned and conducted extraordinary complex air assaults into an enemy safe haven resulting in the disruption of insurgent cells which had been attacking coalition forces throughout Wardak Province, Afghanistan. Despite a short planning window, the units rapidly integrated two new company teams into its organization while simultaneously planning the largest air assault in the cited units year in Afghanistan. They conducted detailed planning to penetrate an area where no International Security Assistance Forces had operated in known history. Multiple units attacked critical enemy nodes only ten days after receiving this challenging mission. During the next several days, units cleared six villages in the valley and repelled numerous attacks. Headquarters and Headquarters Company defended the vulnerable battalion command and control node against indirect and direct fire attacks which became increasingly accurate over this week-long fight. Alpha Company and Charlie Troop cleared villages throughout the valley and detained prisoners associated with attacks and weapons caches. Bravo Troop fought against waves of attacks attempting to access the valley through the choke point they were guarding. Throughout the Operation Dagger Fury, the units remained on the offensive, resting

only briefly and continuing to press their attacks at dawn. There was little protection from the insurgents' indirect fire assets which harassed Soldiers daily. In an outstanding performance duty, the units harnessed the power of its combined-arms team to kill enemy forces, disrupting their logistics and communications plus displayed tremendous dedication in accomplishing its combat mission. The extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion and the cited units are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the units, the Patriot Brigade, the 10th Mountain Division and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
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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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