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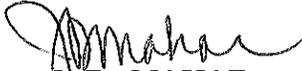
JOINT STAFF PERMANENT ORDER NUMBER J-1SO-0244-11

Subject: Announcement of the Award of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award

1. Under the provisions of DOD Manual 1348.33-V1, 23 November 2010, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service to Headquarters, United States Southern Command, during the period 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2011. Service units and individuals assigned to Service units in support of this organization are not eligible for this award.

2. The Unit Streamer (FSN 8345-01-169-5944), Service Ribbons (FSN 8455-01-170-5143 for Army) and (FSN 8455-01-170-5144 for USAF, USN, USMC), and civilian lapel buttons (FSN 8455-01-348-0488) may be obtained from normal supply channels.

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Citation

to accompany the award of the

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to

Headquarters, United States Southern Command

Headquarters, United States Southern Command, distinguished itself through exceptionally meritorious achievement from 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2011. During this period, U.S. Southern Command continued to evolve as a joint and interagency organization that promotes U.S. national and regional security interests through enduring partnerships. U.S. Southern Command's ongoing annual humanitarian and civic assistance exercises: provided valuable training for U.S. military medical, engineering, and combat support personnel; delivered medical treatment to thousands of patients throughout the region; and helped increase the disaster response capabilities of host countries. Through coordination with partner nation militaries and numerous U.S. government agencies, U.S. Southern Command worked to confront the hemispheric threat posed by transnational criminal organizations and illicit trafficking. Unquestionably, the most significant HA/DR operation in U.S. Southern Command's history was Operation UNIFIED RESPONSE in Haiti. United States' Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines provided critical rescue, medical, and relief supply distribution support for the Haitian people after the devastating earthquake, delivering 2.3 million meals, 17 million pounds of bulk food, 2.6 million bottles of water, and almost 150,000 pounds of medical supplies. Department of Defense medical personnel treated almost 10,000 patients and conducted 1,025 surgeries and 343 medical evacuations, easing the suffering of thousands of Haitians. In addition to the unprecedented relief effort in Haiti, U.S. Southern Command also provided assistance after the earthquake in Chile, coordinating the delivery of 300,000 pounds of relief supplies and treating more than 300 patients. Through contingency operations and continuous engagements, U.S. Southern Command demonstrated its ongoing commitment to the region and its people. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Headquarters, United States Southern Command, have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of November 2011


Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff