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

1. Under the provisions of DoD Directive 1348.33-M, September 1996, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious achievement to Headquarters, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq, during the period 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009. This award is for the headquarters only. Service units and individuals assigned to Service units in support of this unit 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.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL:


J. D. MAHAR
Chief, Staff Management Branch



Citation

to accompany the award of the

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to
Headquarters,
Multi-National

Security Transition Command - Iraq

Headquarters, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. During this period, the Governments of Iraq and the United States entered into an historic nation to nation agreement as strategic partners committed to supporting one another. Among the fundamental precepts of this agreement were a timely and mutually agreed upon withdrawal of American combat forces; first from cities and towns, then from the nation. The criticality of the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq mission during this crucial time cannot be understated. Personnel continued to generate, equip and train Iraqi Security Forces, increase Iraqi Security Forces' ministerial staff capability and capacity, and advise senior Government of Iraq ministers. These synchronized efforts enabled the Iraqi Security Forces to significantly improve their ability to resume full command and control of the nation's security against all threats internal and external. Through Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq mentoring and leadership, the Iraqis continued their successful push toward full responsibility and control of security throughout the nation. This was fully demonstrated on January 31, 2009 during Provincial elections, in which the Iraqi Security Forces assured safe voting throughout the nation and follow-on peaceful transfer of authority in March, unparalleled in Iraqi history. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Headquarters, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of July 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mike Mullen", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff