



THE JOINT STAFF
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1 September 2009

JOINT STAFF PERMANENT ORDER NUMBER J-ISO-0205-09

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 the Joint Communications Support Element, MacDill AFB, FL., during the period 2 July 2007 to 31 March 2009. The following additional subordinate joint units are included in this award: Headquarters and Support Squadron; Communications Support Detachment; 1st Joint Communications Squadron; 2nd Joint Communications Squadron; and 3rd Joint Communications Squadron.

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

Joint Communications Support Element

The Joint Communications Support Element distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 2 July 2007 to 31 March 2009. During one of the highest operational periods in this unit's history, the men and women of the Joint Communications Support Element displayed superb vision and extreme competence as they provided simultaneous communications support to the Nation's most sensitive and critical missions, furthering their role of global communications support. The Element accepted each new challenge with unyielding determination and maintained a success rate second to none. They have been singularly responsible for "no fail" state-of-the-art command, control, and communications support around the world. The Joint Communications Support Element supplied critical communications that enabled commanders to locate, identify, close, and destroy the enemy. Their support of the Department of Defense, government agencies, conventional forces, and US Special Operations Forces contributed immeasurably to the overwhelming success of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. During every mission, the Joint Communications Support Element's communicators provided to the US forces the most reliable and professional communications and technical support possible. Dynamic leadership and innovative management led the Element to new heights of readiness and mission capability, enabling achievement of US objectives in support of national policy. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the Joint Communications Support Element have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 8th day of September 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Mue", followed by a horizontal line.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDANT, HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES
MARINE CORPS, ATTN: MMMA

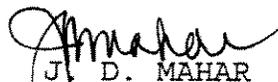
Subject: Joint Meritorious Unit Award

1. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA) to the Joint Communications Support Element, MacDill AFB, FL., for exceptionally meritorious achievement from 2 July 2007 to 31 March 2009. The following additional subordinate joint units are included in this award: Headquarters and Support Squadron; Communications Support Detachment; 1st Joint Communications Squadron; 2nd Joint Communications Squadron; and 3rd Joint Communications Squadron.

2. Only those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were present at the time and directly participated in the service or achievement for 30 days or more, or for the period cited if less than 30 days, are authorized to wear the JMUA ribbon. Personnel must be assigned and/or attached by official orders to the joint unit or task force headquarters receiving the JMUA. Local commanders may waive, on an individual basis, the 30-day minimum time requirement for individuals (Reserve personnel on active duty and TDY and/or TAD personnel), who, in the purview of the commander contributed directly to the achievement cited, and were assigned on official orders to the awarded unit during the approved time frames.

3. Request you announce the approved unit award within your Service and include it in your permanent unit award records and publications. Copy of award order and citation are enclosed.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL:


J. D. MAHAR

Chief, Staff Management Branch

Enclosures