

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (AFSOC)
HURLBURT FIELD, FLORIDA 32544-5273**

11/17/2005

SPECIAL ORDER
GC-001

The 16th Special Operations Wing (EE0VFX87) is awarded the **Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor** for exceptionally meritorious service from **1 JUL 03 to 30 JUN 05**. The following subordinate units will share in this award for the same period unless otherwise indicated:

- 16th Special Operations Wing (EE0VFX87)
- 16th Maintenance Group (EE0VFC0X)
- 16th Medical Group (EE0VFND5)
- 16th Mission Support Group (EE0VFD4R)
- 16th Operations Group (EE0VFC0W)
- 4th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFN68)
- 6th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFLN7)
- 8th Special Operations Squadron (ED0VFC1T)
- 9th Special Operations Squadron (ED0VF9K4)
- 15th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFBDM)
- 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (EE0VFPS6)
- 16th Civil Engineer Squadron (EE0VFD37)
- 16th Communications Squadron (EE0VFFQS)
- 16th Component Maintenance Squadron (EE0VFWMC)
- 16th Comptroller Squadron (EE0VFPP2)
- 16th Contracting Squadron (EE0VFH5K)
- 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron (EE0VFD5Q)
- 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron (EE0VFPS5)
- 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron (EE0VFD8J)
- 16th Maintenance Squadron (ED0VFPS7)
- 16th Maintenance Operations Squadron (EE0VFC2D)
- 16th Medical Operations Squadron (EE0VFND6)
- 16th Medical Support Squadron (EE0VFND7)
- 16th Mission Support Squadron (EE0VFDJG)
- 16th Operations Support Squadron (EE0VFC9X)
- 16th Security Forces Squadron (EE0VFD2R)
- 16th Services Squadron (EE0VFNNF)
- 16th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFSKQ)
- 19th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFP6P)
- 20th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VIFYWC)
- 716th Maintenance Squadron (ED0VFTDR)

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Detachment 1, 16th Special Operations Wing (EE0VFF22)*

*Period: 1 Nov 04 – 30 Jun 05

Detachment 1, 16th Operations Group (NJ0VFC26)**

**Period: 13 May 05 – 30 Jun 05

Operating Location A, 16th Maintenance Group (ED0VFTMN)

Operating Location B, 16th Maintenance Group (ED0VFBZQ)

Operating Location A, 16th Medical Group (ED0VFL0F)

Operating Location A, 16th Operations Group (LE0VFF13)

Operating Location C, 16th Operations Group (PV0VFP13)

Operating Location D, 16th Operations Group (ED0VFTMB)

MLST, 8th Special Operations Squadron (ED0VFDKW)

MLST, 19th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFCGM)

FOR THE COMMANDER



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16TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING

The 16th Special Operations Wing, Air Force Special Operations Command, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2005. During this period, the 16th Special Operations Wing continued to serve on the forefront executing the nation's objectives for the Global War on Terrorism. The wing successfully executed over 3,000 combat sorties totaling over 17,000 combat hours in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. They also responded within 48 hours to support Operation SECURE TOMORROW, the rapid stabilization response to the upheaval in Haiti. The men and women of the 16th Special Operations Wing repeatedly rose to the challenge, responding to three hurricane events including the Category IV Hurricane Ivan, the strongest storm to strike the Gulf Coast in over 30 years. Despite the forced evacuation of over 20,000 Hurlburt Field personnel and 34 aircraft, the wing maintained the highest level of readiness and reestablished operations within 24 hours of the storm passing overcoming over \$80 million in damages. With one of the highest operations tempos and most diversified missions in the world, the 16th Special Operations Wing continued to perform superbly, "Any Time, Any Place." The distinctive accomplishments of the members of the 16th Special Operations Wing reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Air Force.

