

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

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SPECIAL ORDER
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The 16 Special Operations Wing (EE0VFX87) is awarded the **Air Force Outstanding Unit Award** for exceptionally meritorious service from **1 JUL 01 to 30 JUN 03**. The following subordinate units will share in this award for the same period unless otherwise indicated:

- 16th Operations Group (EE0VFC0W)
- 16th Logistics Group (EE0VFC0X) - 1 Jul 01-30 Sep 02
- 16th Maintenance Group (EE0VFC0X) - 1 Oct 02-30 Jun 03
- 16th Support Group (EE0VFD4R) - 1 Jul 01-30 Sep 02
- 16th Mission Support Group (EE0VFDR4) - 1 Oct 02-30 Jun 03
- 16th Medical Group (EE0VFND5)
- 4th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFN68)
- 6th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFLN7)
- 8th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFC1T)
- 9th Special Operations Squadron (ED0VF9K4)
- 15 Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFBDM)
- 16th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFSKQ)
- 16th Operations Support Squadron (EE0VFC9X)
- 19th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VFP6P)
- 20th Special Operations Squadron (EE0VIFYWC)
- 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron (EE0VFD5Q)
- 16th Component Repair Squadron (EE0VFWMC) - 1 Jul 01-30 Sep 02
- 16th Component Maintenance Squadron (EE0VFWMC) - 1 Oct 02-30 Jun 03
- 16th Logistics Support Squadron (EE0VFC2D) - 1 Jul 01-30 Sep 02
- 16th Maintenance Operations Squadron (EE0VFC2D) - 1 Oct 02-30 Jun 03
- 16th Supply Squadron (EE0VFD8J) - 1 Jul 01-30 Sep 02
- 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron (EE0VFD8J) - 1 Oct 02-30 Jun 03
- 16th Transportation Squadron (EE0VFFFC)
- 16th Contracting Squadron (EE0VFH5K)
- 16th Maintenance Squadron (ED0VFPS7)
- 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron (EE0VFPS6) - 1 Jul 01-30 Sep 02
- 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (EE0VFPS6) - 1 Oct 02-30 Jun 03
- 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron (EE0VFPS5) - 1 Jul 01-30 Sep 02
- 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron (EE0VFPS5) - 1 Oct 02-30 Jun 03
- 16th Civil Engineer Squadron (EE0VFD37)
- 16th Security Forces Squadron (EE0VFD2R)
- 16th Mission Support Squadron (EE0VFDJG)
- 16th Services Squadron (EE0VFNNF)
- 16th Communication Squadron (EE0VFFQS)
- 16th Medical Operations Squadron (EE0VFND6)

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16th Medical Support Squadron (EE0VFND7)
16th Comptroller Squadron (EE0VFPP2)
716th Maintenance Squadron (ED0VFTDR)
OL-A, 16th Maintenance Group (ED0VFTMN)
OL-B, 16th Maintenance Group (ED0VFBZQ)
OL-A, 16th Medical Group (ED0VFL0F)
OL-D, 16th Operations Group (ED0VFTMB)

FOR THE COMMANDER

LAURA L. OGLES, GS-13, DAF



Chief, Personnel Plans, Systems, and
Readiness Division

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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD
TO
THE 16TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING

The 16th Special Operations Wing distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2003. Despite being fully engaged in combat operations supporting the global war on terrorism during Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, wing personnel repeatedly excelled at home station. During this period, the wing supported recovery operations at the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., following the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001. With nearly two-thirds of its aircraft and 30 percent of its airmen deployed to two simultaneous combat theaters in support of combat operations, the wing continued to hone its dagger, accumulating 24,307 flying hours during 6,213 sorties. Support for the war-fighters families and the community never faltered. Furthermore, Hurlburt Field was selected as the 2002 runner-up and the 2003 recipient of the Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Award, earning \$1.5 million for base quality of life improvements. 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.