



## Citation

to accompany the award of the

# Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Second Oak Leaf Cluster  
to the

## *Joint United States Military Mission for Aid to Turkey*

The Joint United States Military Mission for Aid to Turkey distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 2 August 1990 to 31 March 1992. During this critical period, the Joint United States Military Mission for Aid to Turkey strengthened the defense of Turkey and secured national interests in the region during Operation DESERT SHIELD and as a result assisted in setting the stage for the stunning coalition victory in Operation DESERT STORM. In addition to the war effort, the Joint United States Military Mission for Aid to Turkey became totally involved in the planning and execution of the humanitarian Kurdish refugee relief effort, Operation PROVIDE COMFORT. These events that rapidly shifted from a rapid build-up to a lightning war and then a massive humanitarian relief operation clearly demonstrated the professionalism, dedication, innovation, persistence, and sacrifice of the Joint United States Military Mission for Aid to Turkey personnel and has led to the creation of greater understanding, cooperation, and trust between the United States and Turkey. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the Joint United States Military Mission for Aid to Turkey have brought great credit to themselves and to the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this day 18th day of September 1992

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. C. K. S.", written over a horizontal line.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff