



Citation

to accompany the award of the

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to the

Joint Task Force Provide Promise

Joint Task Force PROVIDE PROMISE distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 1 February 1995 to 15 March 1996. During this period, the Joint Task Force provided critical operational and logistics support to the UN efforts to bring peace and stability to the war-ravaged former Republic of Yugoslavia. Their continued operations of the Airbridge to the besieged city of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina saw that city through the final dark days of war and played a key role in the survival of over a half a million people. Along with this aid, Joint Task Force PROVIDE PROMISE provided essential information on warring faction compliance with UN/NATO ceasefire mandates, imagery to support NATO air strikes when compliance was not observed, and transition to peace implementation operations by NATO forces. Additionally, they provided continued stability to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and critical medical support at the US hospital located in Zagreb, Croatia. Individually and collectively, the combined efforts of the Joint Task Force provided hope for peace to millions throughout this long and bloody civil war. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Joint Task Force PROVIDE PROMISE have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 12th day of March 1996

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Shalikashvili", is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff