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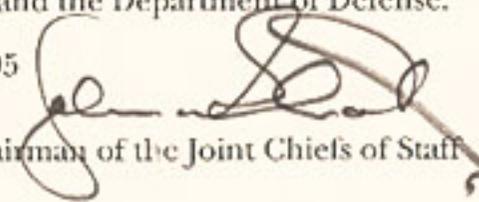
Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to the

Headquarters, United States European Command

Headquarters, United States European Command, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 1 April 1992 to 31 December 1994. During this period of turbulent change throughout the theater, the tireless efforts, extraordinary skills and professional dedication of the entire US European Command staff directly contributed to the success of a series of crises of direct concern to the National Command Authorities. Concurrent with a number of smaller crises which required exhaustive efforts, Operations PROVIDE COMFORT, PROVIDE PROMISE, DENY FLIGHT, SUPPORT HOPE, and numerous non-combatant evacuation operations demanded the utmost in time and effort from the entire staff. PROVIDE PROMISE spearheaded US efforts to maintain peace and provide humanitarian relief throughout the war-torn region of the Balkans; PROVIDE COMFORT provided security and humanitarian relief to the Kurdish population of Northern Iraq; SUPPORT HOPE, the international humanitarian relief effort to Rwanda and Eastern Zaire, saved an entire generation by providing emergency relief supplies; and Operation DENY FLIGHT in Bosnia, marked the first-ever utilization of NATO forces in combat operations. Also, as the area of operation continued to go through dramatic social, political and military change, European Command regional strategy programs such as the Marshall Center, the Joint Contact Team program, international arms control regimes, and various Security Assistance programs, promoted peace and stability throughout the region. Compounded by the almost continuous conduct of crisis operations, and despite working periods measured in days instead of hours, the performance of this staff was superb. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the Headquarters, United States European Command, have brought great credit upon themselves, the US European Command and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 17th day of April 1995


Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff