

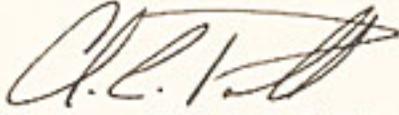


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to accompany the award of the  
**Joint Meritorious Unit Award**  
to the

***Joint Task Force PROVEN FORCE***

*Joint Task Force PROVEN FORCE distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 23 December 1990 to 31 March 1991. During this period, the Joint Task Force conducted combat operations in support of Operation DESERT STORM, playing an essential role in the liberation of Kuwait and achieving other National and United Nations objectives. By establishing air supremacy over Northern Iraq and significantly reducing Iraqi war fighting capacity through offensive air and psychological operations, the Joint Task Force contributed to the defeat of Iraq and restoration of regional stability. By their professionalism and exemplary performance of duty, the members of Joint Task Force PROVEN FORCE have brought great credit to themselves and to the Department of Defense.*

*Given under my hand this 25th day of September 1991*

  
*Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff*