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Media Advisory

Ohio Soldiers from 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) to be awarded medals for valorous actions in Afghanistan

- WHO:** Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne).
- WHAT:** Company B, 2-19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) will conduct a series of both static line and freefall parachute training jumps, followed by a ceremony for a group of Soldiers receiving awards, including the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart, for actions during the unit's previous deployment to Afghanistan.
- WHEN:** To cover the jumps, media will have to report prior to 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 8 to the Rickenbacker International Airport control tower (on the commercial airport side) to be escorted to the drop zone. Jump iterations will begin at approximately 9 a.m., and span an hour or more.
- The valor awards ceremony will begin at noon at the Naval Operational Support Center. Media outlets are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to that time at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base main entrance gate, located at the intersection of 2nd Street and Rickenbacker Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43217, to be escorted to the ceremony venue.
- WHERE:** To cover the parachute jumps, media should report to the Rickenbacker International Airport control tower (on the commercial airport side), in the vicinity of 2241 John Circle Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43217.

The ceremony will be at the Naval Operational Support Center, 7221 2nd Street, Columbus, Ohio 43217-1222.

BACKGROUND: The awards the Soldiers from Company B, 2-19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) will receive are for actions that occurred during the unit's deployment in 2009 to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Actions taken involved direct fire during combat reconnaissance patrols to include small arms fire, machine gun and rocket propelled grenade fire.

The medals being awarded to various Soldiers consist of the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Medal.

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NEWSROOM NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled start times for the two events.

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