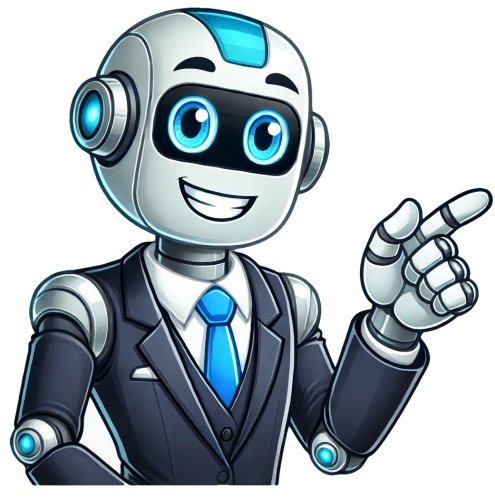


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support the continuing Global War on Terrorism. In March 2002, during Operation Anaconda, 35 Rangers from the battalion were assigned as QRF for all Task Force 11 operations, but only half of the platoon was available for the Battle of Takur Ghar.[13][11] In 2003, 1st Battalion participated in combat operations in support of Iraq War, conducting missions across the entire country of Iraq. 290 Rangers from 1/75th and 2/75th distinguished themselves during the successful rescue of prisoner-of-war, PFC Jessica Lynch.[13][11] The battalion currently supports the Global War on Terrorism, regularly rotating elements to Afghanistan continuing to successfully dismantle terrorist networks.[11] For actions between 14 and 16 November 2010, Charlie Company received the Valorous Unit Award for extraordinary heroism, combat achievement and conspicuous gallantry while executing combat operations in support of a named operation. The battalion received the Meritorious Unit Citation and Bravo Company, in particular, the Valorous Unit Award, for actions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom between 15 May – 28 August 2011 that included: conducting continuous combat operations, including time sensitive raids and deliberate movement to contact operations while in enemy held terrain out of reach by other friendly forces, in places like Khost, Paktika, and Nangarhar Province.[14] As of March 2019[update], the battalion has made 22 deployments during the Global War on Terrorism. During these deployments, the battalion took part in 198 combat operations in which 1,900 terrorists were killed or captured.[15] Algeria–French Morocco (with arrowhead) Tunisia Sicily (with arrowhead) Naples–Foggia (with arrowhead) Anzio (with arrowhead) Rome–Arno CCF Intervention First UN Counteroffensive CCF Spring Offensive UN Summer–Fall Offensive Counteroffensive, Phase VI Tet 69/Counteroffensive Summer–Fall 1969 Winter–Spring 1970 Sanctuary Counteroffensive Counteroffensive, Phase VII Consolidation I Grenada (with arrowhead) Panama (with arrowhead) Haiti GWOT (expeditionary) Afghanistan Service Medal Iraq Service Medal Valorous Unit Award Joint Meritorious Unit Award Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for the Battle of El Guettar[8] Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for SALERNO Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for Pointe Du Hoc Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for SAAR RIVER AREA Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for MYTTKYINA Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for CHIPYONG-NI Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for HONGCHON Valorous Unit Award for VIETNAM – II CORPS AREA Valorous Unit Award for GRENADA Joint Meritorious Unit Award for PANAMA Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm for SAAR VIETNAM 1969–1970 Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm for VIETNAM 1970–1971 Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class for VIETNAM 1969–1971 Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for Afghanistan[16] Valorous Unit Award for Iraq[17] Sergeant Major Thomas Payne, Medal of Honor recipient for actions during a mission that rescued 70 Iraqi prisoners from an ISIL prison in Kirkuk Province, Iraq, 2015. Previously with Company A, 1st Ranger Battalion, Payne was a member of Delta Force during the raid. He was initially awarded the Distinguished Service Cross which was later upgraded to the Medal of Honor in 2020, making him the first living Delta Force Medal of Honor recipient, and first Medal of Honor recipient for Operation Inherent Resolve. He was also the winner of the Best Ranger Competition in 2012.[18][19] Captain Nate Self: Former commanding officer of 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st Ranger Battalion. He was deployed to Afghanistan shortly after 9/11. Self commanded a Quick Reaction Force for Operation Anaconda. He and half of his platoon were on 2 Chinooks on the mission to rescue missing DEVGRU Red Squadron Navy SEAL Neil Roberts and USAF Combat Controller John Chapman during the Battle of Takur Ghar. For his actions during the battle he was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. Captain Alejandro Villanueva, retired NFL player. Served with the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment and later 1st Ranger Battalion before starting his career in the NFL, with multiple deployments to Afghanistan.[20] Sergeant Major of the Army Glen E. Morrell, former 1st Ranger Battalion command sergeant major and served as the Sergeant Major of the Army from 1983 to 1987. Sergeant First Class Christopher Celiz, posthumous Medal of Honor recipient. Peter Kassig, a former Ranger with 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; later became an aid worker in Syria. He was taken hostage by The Islamic State, and ultimately beheaded.[21][22] Rogers' Rangers United States Army Rangers Ranger Creed Ranger School Darby's Rangers (1958 film) This article incorporates public domain material from Lineage and Honors — 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, United States Army Center of Military History. 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