



Citation

to accompany the award of the
**Secretary of Defense Medal
for Outstanding Public Service**
to
Kristopher R. Haag

Mr. Kristopher R. Haag is recognized for outstanding public service as Deputy Director, Task Force for Business and Stability Operations and Director, Energy and Financial Development Programs, from June 2006 through June 2011. Mr. Haag demonstrated exemplary leadership, commitment, and managerial ability. Through his efforts, over \$5 billion in contracts were awarded to over 4,000 private Iraqi companies, which directly stimulated employment and economic growth. Mr. Haag also facilitated the introduction of major financial institutions to Iraq, preparing the Iraqi economy for greater integration into global economic activity. Following this instrumental work in Iraq, he worked to launch the Task Force initiatives in Afghanistan. Mr. Haag established banking and financial services and an energy team, hiring world class talent to rapidly redevelop the moribund Afghan oil and gas sector, as well as alternative energy sources. Through his efforts, Afghanistan is again an oil producing country. Mr. Haag was instrumental to every facet of the success of the Task Force, from inception to present. He operated at risk, outside of secure military and embassy installations, working directly with Iraqi and Afghan businessmen and officials to create enduring economic capacity in these countries. The distinctive accomplishments of Mr. Haag reflect great credit upon himself and the Department of Defense.