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### **Bronze Star Medals Awarded**

Two Airmen from the 566<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Buckley AFB were awarded the Bronze Star Medal at a ceremony on 2 June 2009 for their contributions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. SMSgt Keith Almand earned the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service during a six-month deployment as the NCOIC of the Joint Expeditionary Signals Intelligence Tactical Reconnaissance Detachment, 319<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, 525<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Multi-National Corps-Iraq. SMSgt Almand led his team in executing over 500 combat signals intelligence terminal guidance missions, resulting in the detainment of over 600 suspected insurgents.

SSgt Paul Kelly earned the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as part of Combined Joint Task Force Troy, during a one-year deployment. Although he was at risk of hostile actions, SSgt Kelly remained focused and contributed greatly to the success of his mission. SSgt Kelly spent more than 1800 hours outside of the wire and completed over 700 missions. During these missions he exploited intact IEDs, investigated 50 post-blasts, 65 weapon caches, 35 VBIED responses, and helped plan 40 operations. After he completed each mission he wrote detailed intelligence reports that were used to exploit enemy capabilities. He supported forensic investigations and biometrics on detainees as well as identified a new AQI cell operating in Baghdad.