



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND  
2929 DESERT STORM DRIVE (STOP A)  
FORT BRAGG, NC 28310-9110

September 28, 2011

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Office of the Commanding General

Honorable Max Baucus  
United States Senate  
511 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-2602

Dear Senator Baucus,

I write to convey my gratitude and endorse your sponsorship of Senate Bill 1460, which would grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force in recognition of its extraordinary service during World War II. I whole-heartedly support this long-overdue effort to honor this storied fighting force.

During World War II, the heroes of the "Devil's Brigade" performed outstanding deeds and acts of service that were vital to the security and national interest of the United States. This group of tough, committed volunteers from both the United States and Canada trained in Montana for top-secret, dangerous, and sometimes suicidal missions. They quickly earned a reputation for being able to take impenetrable objectives when no one else could and helped shape the course of history.

Again, I applaud your efforts to honor the great deeds, sacrifices, and accomplishments of the legendary warfighters of the First Special Service Force.

Sincerely,

John F. Mulholland  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding

*Thank you  
for supporting this.  
A really worthy cause.*