



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND**  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 161-01

10 June 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 426th Support Battalion  
Company A, 426th Support Battalion  
Company B, 426th Support Battalion  
Company C, 426th Support Battalion  
Headquarters, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 1 October 2010 to 1 May 2011

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 October 2010 to 1 May 2011, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 426th Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while engaged in counterinsurgency operations in the Nuristan, Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman Provinces in Regional Command East, Afghanistan. Despite facing the most austere terrain combined with an intensive kinetic fight, the unit ensured the Brigade was always logistically prepared for all tactical and humanitarian missions. The unit's actions and proficiency provided every class of supply necessary as well as maintenance and medical support to the Soldiers of Task Force Bastogne in support of its mission to secure the population, partner with the Islamic Government of Afghanistan and defeat the enemies of the United States. The exceptionally meritorious service and devotion to duty displayed by the Soldiers of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 426th Support Battalion and its subordinate units is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon themselves, the unit, the Bastogne Brigade, Combined Joint Task Force-101 and the United States Army.

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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in Department of the Army General Orders. Official verification of a specific unit's entitlement to display the award in the form of an

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appropriate streamer on its flag or guidon rests with the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), which is also responsible for determining official unit Lineage and Honors for MTOE organizations. CMH will use this permanent order to authorize the manufacture of an appropriate decoration streamer for any organization clearly entitled to display the award. The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*for Roger D. Balachman, CW2, Asst Dep Chief*  
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