



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 196-02

15 July 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 171st
Field Artillery Regiment
Battery A, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery Regiment
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery Regiment
Battery C, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery Regiment
1345th Transportation Company
Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 45th Fires
Brigade
Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st
Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Army Superior Unit Award

Period of service: 1 September 2005 to 3 October 2005

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-16

Reason: For outstanding meritorious service. During the period 1 September 2005 to 3 October 2005, the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units assigned as Task Force Red Thunder displayed superior performance under extraordinary circumstances in response to the devastation brought by Hurricane Katrina in the wake of the worst natural disaster in United States history. Responding as the Follow-On-Force from the state of Oklahoma with 123 organic vehicles and 255 Soldiers, the unit successfully executed multiple primary missions in an effort to rescue displaced civilians and assist in restoring order in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. Task Force Red Thunder Soldiers demonstrated superior professionalism, commitment, humanitarianism and compassion while conducting daily crowd control; ground and air evacuation sites; and high water search, rescue and recovery operations. Every Soldier played a vital role in establishing the Forward Operating Base in the lower 9th Ward of Saint Bernard's Parish while conducting traffic control check points and patrolling the streets in a combined effort to control looting and minimize chaos. Upholding the highest traditions of military service, the Soldiers of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units used outstanding resourcefulness and aggressive actions under desperate conditions. Their actions reflect great credit

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upon themselves, their units, the State of Oklahoma and the
United States of America.

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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
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. Blackmon, CWA
STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.
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Chief, Awards and Decorations
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