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PERMANENT ORDERS 332-57

28 November 2011

Mission Support Element, United States Army Japan
Tactical Command Post, I Corps
88th Military Police Detachment
296th Army Band
United States Army Medical Department Activity, Japan
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Support Group
Detachment, United States Army Engineer District, Japan
Detachment, United States Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 35th Support Battalion
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 78th Signal Battalion
287th Signal Company
United States Army Aviation Detachment, Japan
Headquarters, 403d Support Brigade
Detachment, United States Army Veterinary Command
United States Army Garrison, Japan
836th United States Army Transportation Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Army Superior Unit Award

Period of service: 11 March 2011 to 5 May 2011

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

Reason: For outstanding meritorious service. During the period 11 March 2011 to 5 May 2011, Mission Support Element, United States Army Japan and its subordinate units displayed outstanding meritorious service in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake and resultant Tsunami and Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Complex disasters that temporarily crippled the Tohoku region of Japan. The unit, operating as the Army Service Component Command of Joint Support Forces-Japan, provided direct support to its Japanese bilateral partners and friends through its efforts in support of Operation Tomodachi and eight additional operations. The unit proved its flexibility and adaptability by immediately shifting from routine daily operations into a complex humanitarian assistance and disaster relief mission while simultaneously providing radiological and environmental monitoring of air, water, food and safety conditions; communicating risk; and carefully and calmly reassuring United States and Japanese citizens during a volatile, uncertain and ambiguous environment. The efforts of Mission Support Element, United States Army Japan and its subordinate units contributed significantly in enabling the Government of Japan to aggressively respond to the initial events, proactively mitigate risk in the days after the disaster and begin the arduous recovery process. Its dedication and outstanding performance are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the unit 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

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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. Blackman, CW3

ELISA M. ROBINSON

CW4, AG

Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch