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PERMANENT ORDERS 363-08

29 December 2011

2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment
Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 21 (1 January 2009 to 30 November 2010)
Detachment, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23 (1 January 2009 to 30 November 2010)
Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 (1 January 2009 to 30 November 2010)
Detachment, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 85 (1 January 2009 to 30 November 2010)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2010

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2010, the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment displayed exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service while deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. The unit distinguished itself through extraordinary service, unsurpassed professionalism and steadfast dedication to duty. Under tactical control of the Aviation Task Force-Kuwait and tasked by the Combined Forces Land Component Commander Medical Regulating Officer, the unit provided two 15-minute alert and two one-hour alert aircraft and crews guaranteeing continual medical evacuation coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the Kuwait and southern Iraq Area of Responsibility. Manned with Navy search and rescue medical technicians and Air Force pararescuemen, the unit employed the only certified advanced in-flight life support providers in theater. Additionally the unit provided United States Army Central Command with a unique shipboard search and rescue/medical evacuation response capability to all Coalition vessels and oil platforms operating in the northern Arabian Gulf. The superior efforts of the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment resulted in 6083.7 mishap-free flight hours and the transportation of over 1054 patients on 977 medical evacuation launches, including 17 shipboard recoveries, 43 point of injury recoveries, 196 tail-to-tail transfers and 721 patient transfers to higher levels of medical care.

Demonstrating exemplary readiness, the unit provided much needed aeromedical operational training to over 5000 United States and Coalition medical and combat troops operating in southern Iraq, Kuwait and the northern Arabian Gulf. The men and women of the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment were a model of medical evacuation service, always eager and ready to accept new tasking while providing an indispensable source of aeromedical and aviation expertise. The unwavering courage and professionalism of the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment personnel exemplify the highest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit on the unit, Aviation Task Force-Kuwait, the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group and the United States Armed Services.

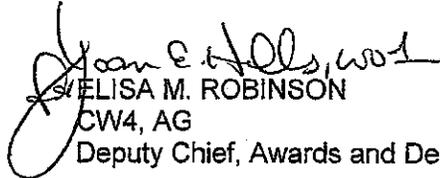
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is 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

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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:


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