



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 018-08

18 January 2012

Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division  
Special Troops Battalion, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division  
1st Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment  
2d Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment  
1st Squadron, 73d Cavalry Regiment  
2d Battalion, 319th Field Artillery Regiment  
407th Support Battalion  
722d Ordnance Company  
194th Military Police Company (31 May 2011 to 26 November 2011)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 31 May 2011 to 15 December 2011

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

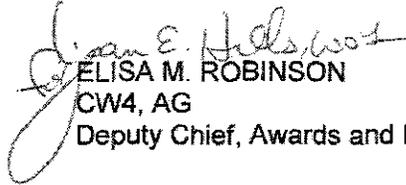
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 31 May 2011 to 15 December 2011, Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in action against an armed enemy, while serving under the 25th Infantry Division Headquarters and United States Division-Center. The Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division "Falcons" and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary competence, flexibility and mission focus in support of Operation New Dawn in the Anbar and Baghdad Provinces of Iraq. Initially the unit, reorganized as an Advise and Assist Brigade, deployed to Anbar Province to focus its efforts on strengthening the Iraqi Security Forces, transitioning key relationships built over eight years to the Department of State, retrograding equipment and transitioning United States facilities to the Government of Iraq. In Anbar, the Falcons partnered with the Anbar Operations Command, the Anbar Provincial Government Center, the Anbar Police Directorate and the 1st and 7th Iraqi Army Divisions to maintain security in the Province. The unit successfully trained and mentored Iraqi units while working closely with the provincial civilian leadership. These partnerships and training resulted in improved security for the United States Forces as well as the citizens of Anbar, leading to the transition of Camps Ramadi and Fallujah as well as the outposts established within the Anbar Police Directorate and Provincial Government Center. Later, the unit expanded its area of operations into Baghdad, the most populous province in Iraq. Following a relief in contact in Baghdad, the Brigade partnered with the Karkh Area Command, the 2d and 4th Federal Police Divisions and the 6th, 9th, and 17th Iraqi Army Divisions. The Brigade disrupted threat networks to facilitate the security of the International Zone, Victory Base Complex and the thousands of United States Service Members retrograding out of Iraq. At the peak of operations, the Falcons controlled eight battalions and four separate companies and partnered with the three area commands, a Provincial Police Directorate, a Provincial Government, two Federal Police Divisions and five Iraqi Army Divisions in two of the most historically contested areas in the country. The Brigade allowed for the successful completion to United States military operations in Central Iraq, bringing honor to all United States Service Members who contributed to the accomplishment of the mission. Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division and its subordinate units' exemplary performance is in

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keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit,  
the United States Division-Center, United States Forces-Iraq 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 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:

  
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Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch