

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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

PERMANENT ORDERS 038-27

7 February 2012

Operational Command Post, Headquarters, United States Army Central

Detachment, Main Command Post, Headquarters, United States Army Central (Forward)

United States Army Forces Central Command, Qatar

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area Support Group Kuwait

Headquarters and Special Troops Battalion, 1st Sustainment Command

1st Battlefield Coordination Detachment

Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Medical Command (1 July 2009 to 31 August 2010)

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 54th Signal Battalion (1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010)

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 160th Signal Brigade

Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 335th Signal Command

343d Medical Company (1 November 2009 to 31 August 2010)

Headquarters, 401st Support Brigade

Detachment, Headquarters, 402d Support Brigade

Detachment, Headquarters, 408th Support Brigade

437th Medical Company

595th United States Army Transportation Surface Brigade

1107th Aviation Group

18th Finance Center

310th Personnel Center (18 August 2009 to 14 July 2010)

326th Finance Center (9 January 2010 to 31 August 2010)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 1 May 2009 to 31 August 2010

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 May 2009 to 31 August 2010, the Operational Command Post, Headquarters, U.S. Army Central and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in conducting the responsible drawdown of combat troops from Iraq. The unit brought 87,000 Soldiers home as well as millions of pieces of equipment, and closed 413 bases. This was accomplished while simultaneously moving 30,000 additional service members and their equipment into Afghanistan. Not since the build-up of World War II has the Army conducted such a large and complex logistical operation. It is a great tribute to the Third Army's planning, hard work, and execution that they brought a responsible end to seven years of combat operations in Iraq. The dedication and phenomenal performance of Operational Command Post, Headquarters, U.S. Army Central and its subordinate units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon Third Army 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

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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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