



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

PERMANENT ORDER 213-19

31 July 2012

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 257th Transportation Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 16 September 2011 to 20 July 2012

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 16 September 2011 to 20 July 2012, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 257th Transportation Battalion distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious performance of duty in support of United States Army, United States Air Force, Special Operations and Coalition Forces in Afghanistan. The unit achieved outstanding success in its diversified movement control missions to include ground, air and National Afghan Trucking regulation responsibilities throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan, ensuring United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coalition Forces received essential sustainment through mission command, technical guidance and contract supervision in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Officers and Soldiers of the unit displayed outstanding professional skill, high morale and exemplary esprit de corps in the execution of their numerous and varied missions, many of which exceeded standard requirements and challenged their capabilities. The extraordinary support, remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 257th Transportation Battalion are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves, 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 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. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

PERMANENT ORDER 213-19, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600  
Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 31 July 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elisa M. Robinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ELISA M. ROBINSON  
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Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations  
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