



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

PERMANENT ORDER 226-03

13 August 2012

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Engineer Battalion
Company A, 9th Engineer Battalion
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 172d Infantry Brigade
504th Military Intelligence Company
57th Signal Company
Detachment, 554th Military Police Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 3 August 2011 to 16 June 2012

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 3 August 2011 to 16 June 2012, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Engineer Battalion and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As a Combined Arms Task Force assigned to the 172d Infantry Brigade, the units executed full-spectrum counterinsurgency operations in support of Counter-Improvised Explosive Device operations, engineer efforts, and partnership operations to achieve the desired lethal and non-lethal effects on the battlefield. The unwavering commitment of the units increased the safety, security and strategic development of Paktika Province, Afghanistan. The dedication to duty and steadfast commitment to excellence of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Engineer Battalion and the cited units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the units, Combined Joint Task Force-1, the United States Central Command 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.

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Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 13 August 2012

Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elisa M. Robinson', written in a cursive style.

ELISA M. ROBINSON

CW4, AG

Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations
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