



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

PERMANENT ORDER 251-04

7 September 2012

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Engineer Brigade
290th Engineer Detachment (3 December 2011 to 4 June 2012)
943d Engineer Detachment (14 June 2011 to 12 January 2012)
49th Engineer Detachment (14 June 2011 to 4 June 2012)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 14 June 2011 to 8 June 2012

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 14 June 2011 to 8 June 2012, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Engineer Brigade and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while deployed to Afghanistan with United States, Coalition and Afghan Forces across multiple Regional Commands in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. By providing multifunctional full-spectrum engineer expertise to the International Security Assistance Force, the units spearheaded the command and control of route clearance, construction and Afghan National Army engineer development operations. The units' professionalism and dedication to mission accomplishment contributed greatly to enhancing the capabilities of the Afghan National Army while providing critical freedom of maneuver, infrastructure enhancement and vital training in support of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Afghan National Security Forces and the people of Afghanistan. The outstanding performance of duty of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Engineer Brigade and the cited units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the units, the United States Forces-Afghanistan 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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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", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ELISA M. ROBINSON
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Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations
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