PERMANENT ORDERS 102-02

Provincial Reconstruction Team Panjshir (Provisional)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 20 July 2009 to 11 March 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 20 July 2009 to 11 March 2010, Provincial Reconstruction Team Panjshir (Provisional) displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit conducted full-spectrum counterinsurgency operations in support of Combined Joint Task Force-82 in Panjshir Province, Afghanistan. In doing so, the unit drastically improved economic development, security, governing capability, and communications within the area of operations. The team also secured more than $43 million to fund infrastructure and economic development projects, significantly improving the lives of the Afghan people. Additionally, the unit's efforts served to enhance the legitimacy of the Panjshir Provincial Government and directly led to the effective transfer of leadership responsibility back to the people of Panjshir. The outstanding performance of duty exhibited by Provincial Reconstruction Team Panjshir (Provisional) is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the International Security Assistance Force, 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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