PERMANENT ORDERS 111-01

U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Army Superior Unit Award
Period of service: 1 September 2008 to 31 October 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-16
Reason: For outstanding meritorious service. During the period 1 September 2008 to 31 October 2009, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy displayed outstanding meritorious service in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The unit reorganized and restructured in order to significantly increase the effectiveness of the Army Noncommissioned Officer Education System. The transformation was an all-encompassing initiative, the hallmark of which was the total redesign of the Sergeants Major Course and the adoption of a method of instruction within the framework of the upper levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy. The Academy transformed the course to be one of higher education and geared towards taking the senior-most noncommissioned officers to an advanced level of strategic and conceptual thinking commensurate with that of their field grade counterparts. The redesign effort also incorporated changing the non-resident program of instruction to emulate that of the resident course, ensuring all Academy graduates possess the exact same skill sets. All of these accomplishments have ensured that the faculty and staff of the Academy remain competitive as one of the premiere Department of Defense Professional Military Education Institutions. The U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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