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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Support Battalion
Company A, 704th Support Battalion
Company B, 704th Support Battalion
Detachment, Company C, 704th Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 8 July 2009 to 25 October 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 8 July 2009 to 25 October 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Nangarhar and Kunar Provinces, Afghanistan. While operating on austere and difficult terrain, the battalion engaged a determined enemy armed with small arms, heavy machine guns, rocket propelled grenades, and improvised explosive devices. Despite enduring complex attacks and ambushes, hours-long firefights, and the injury and death of fellow Soldiers, the battalion gallantly drove on, ensuring Task Force Mountain Warrior was logistically prepared to bring the fight to the enemy. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Support Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, 4th Infantry Division, Combined Joint Task Force-82, and the United States Army.

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
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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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