PERMANENT ORDERS 166-08

218th Medical Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 6 July 2008 to 2 September 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 6 July 2008 to 2 September 2009, the 218th Medical Detachment displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The unit distinguished itself as the only forward deployed veterinary service unit in the entire CENTCOM area of operations. The detachment provided theater-level subsistence inspection, animal medicine and surgery, and veterinary preventative medicine to all forward deployed Army, Air Force, and Marine units. The 218th Medical Detachment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit 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
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Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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