Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 649th Support Group

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 September 2009 to 27 July 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 September 2009 to 27 July 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 649th Support Group displayed exceptionally meritorious service while deployed to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit demonstrated the ability to innovate and accomplish the missions above and beyond the call of duty. Their ability to receive and house over 17,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines in addition to 4,000 contractors; as well as their ability to handle a host of diverse and ever-changing missions in a wartime environment is a credit to their leadership and teamwork. The dedication and outstanding performance of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 649th Support Group is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, 135th Sustainment Command, Third Army 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.
PERMANENT ORDERS 045-03, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 14 February 2011

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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