PERMANENT ORDERS 055-02 24 February 2011

1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment
Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 164th Aviation Group
Detachment, 597th Maintenance Company
Forward Detachment 2, 597th Ordnance Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 July 2008 to 7 July 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 July 2008 to 7 July 2009, the 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service on the performance of outstanding tactical Air Traffic Services (ATS) in Southwest Asia in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The unit provided efficient command and control of Udairi Army Airfield, Kuwait by facilitating the reception, staging and onward movement of all rotary wing combat aviation units transitioning in and out of Iraq. Their collective efforts forged the evolution of safe, flexible and capable fixed and rotary wing airfields and air traffic control facilities throughout Iraq and Afghanistan. The Soldiers aided in the setup and commissioning of precision approach radar services and ensured the timely transition of the airport from Coalition to United States Forces control. The outstanding execution of tactical ATS missions in combat by all Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, United States Central 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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