Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion
Detachment, Company A, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion
Detachment 1, Company A, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion
Detachment 2, Company A, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion
Company B, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion
Company C, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 17 November 2009 to 14 August 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 17 November 2009 to 14 August 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while serving as Task Force Dark Knight in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Task Force Dark Knight provided seamless full spectrum intelligence support to Combined Joint Task Force-101, Combined Joint Task Force-82, Task Force Falcon, Combined Joint Special Forces-Afghanistan and International Security Assistance Forces. The unit’s support assisted in the accomplishment of more than 1,500 missions, 11,000 intelligence reports, 700 interrogations, the recovery of 282 weapons caches and the elimination or capture of 220 high value individuals. The contributions of the Battalion had a measurable effect on the safety and security of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and to the overall successful accomplishment of the Combined Joint Task Force-101, Combined Joint Task Force-82 and International Security Assistance Forces missions. The remarkable proficiency and exemplary performance of duty displayed by the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 321st Military Intelligence Battalion and its subordinate units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit 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.
PERMANENT ORDERS 067-16, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 8 March 2011

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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