United States Army Composite Aerial Operations Activity
United States Army Reserve Company, United States Army Composite Aerial Operations Activity

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 14 August 2009 to 15 July 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 14 August 2009 to 15 July 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Composite Aerial Operations Activity and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while serving as Task Force Odin in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The “one team one fight” concept that Task Force Odin employs is exemplified in the manner it supported the counter-improved explosive device mission saving countless American and Coalition lives. Task Force Odin set new standards in support of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions helping to mitigate risk during the responsible drawdown of forces and helping to support a stable government and transition in Iraq while providing a devastating blow to the terrorist and insurgent networks operating in Iraq. Task Force Odin’s commitment and unparalleled mission success is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Marne, United States Division-North, United States Forces-Iraq 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 083-04, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 24 March 2011

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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