PERMANENT ORDERS 112-11  

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 724th Engineer Battalion  
Company A, 724th Engineer Battalion  
228th Engineer Company  
617th Engineer Company  
950th Engineer Company  
1013th Engineer Company  

Announcement is made of the following award:  

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Period of service: 23 April 2010 to 14 February 2011  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15  
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period  
23 April 2010 to 14 February 2011, the Headquarters and  
Headquarters Company, 724th Engineer Battalion and its  
subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service  
assigned as Task Force Badger in support of Operation Iraqi  
Freedom and Operation New Dawn. The unit was deployed to Joint  
Base Balad, Iraq and served as the sole engineer battalion in  
the Iraq Joint Operating Environment. The Task Force  
encompassed route clearance companies in Victory Base Complex,  
Contingency Operating Site Warhorse, Contingency Operating Site  
Spiecher, Contingency Operating Site Taji and Joint Base Balad.  
The outstanding performance of the Headquarters and Headquarters  
Company, 724th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units was  
a heavily relied upon resource throughout the deployment. The  
actions of the Task Force supported the strategic missions to  
maintain freedom of maneuver, promote a self-reliant Iraqi Army,  
support the government of Iraq’s delivery of essential services  
and enable the responsible drawdown of forces. This included  
conducting 1,810 route clearance patrols covering over 193,000  
kilometers cleared; over 120 bridge recons, inspections and  
repairs; three bridge removals; horizontal, life support and  
force protection construction missions; material distribution  
and vehicle recovery patrols; key leader engagements with senior  
Iraqi military and civilian leaders; advise, train, assist and  
equip partnerships; and project management of the commander’s  
emergency response program. The Task Force staff supported all  
units in the Task Force and consistently provided reliable input  
which enabled the Task Force commander to provide unprecedented  
engineer support to United States Division-North, United States  
Division-Center, Joint Base-Balad and advise and assist
battalions and brigades operating throughout Iraq. The outstanding performance of duty of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 724th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the Task Force, United States Forces-Iraq 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. 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 112-11, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 22 April 2011

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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