PERMANENT ORDERS 165-32

14 June 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 38th Infantry Division
Detachment, 597th Ordnance Company (28 August 2009 to 14 May 2010)
Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 244th Aviation Brigade (28 August 2009 to 25 May 2010)
Detachment, Company D, 52d Aviation Regiment (28 August 2009 to 7 June 2010)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 28 August 2009 to 7 June 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 28 August 2009 to 7 June 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 38th Infantry Division and its subordinate units assigned to Task Force 38 displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit oversaw the timely, on-target, professional and safe air movement operations in direct support to the United States commanding generals in Iraq, the United States Ambassador’s office and the United States State Department and provided general support to all elements deployed in the Iraq Joint Area of Operations. Furthermore, the unit oversaw the planning and execution of complex and time-sensitive helicopter assault force operations in support of Joint Special Operations Forces and air assault operations in support of divisional combat units to capture and/or eradicate Al-Qaeda in Iraq and other insurgent groups which played a crucial role in bringing stability and legitimacy to the government of Iraq and security for Iraqi citizens. Additionally, the rotary and fixed-wing aircraft of Task Force 38 professionally supported the United States Forces-Iraq command group and ambassador’s office as they legitimized the governance of Iraq and performed numerous time-sensitive movements to key engagements with Iraqi and Kurdish tribal leaders to shape the successful outcome of the March 2010 Iraqi National elections. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 38th Infantry Division and its subordinate units ensured the safe execution of all aviation operations with great professionalism. Its actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and
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reflect distinct credit upon the unit, 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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