PERMANENT ORDERS 214-06

6th Psychological Operations Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 January 2009 to 29 May 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 January 2009 to 29 May 2011, the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion displayed exceptionally meritorious service while executing sustained military information support operations at the tactical, operational and strategic levels in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom-Horn of Africa and Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans Sahara. The unit’s unwavering commitment during repeated rotations to the Afghanistan area of operations worked to instill doubt, destroy the credibility and diminish the capability of the insurgency in order to support the development of a stable Afghanistan. The Battalion’s unparalleled efforts at the tactical level of operations in support of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan significantly expanded the tactical radio broadcast footprint in support of village stability operations and provided the Afghan National Army Special Operations Forces with their own information dissemination skills and capability, truly providing Afghan faces and voices to the message narrative. The unit’s contribution as Commander, International Security Assistance Forces’ strategic influence element was truly historic, including simultaneously conducting strategic military information support operations at various levels of attribution, a compartmentalized information operations program and a $70 million telecommunications program. The Battalion’s exemplary and unmatched efforts throughout enduring military information support operations within the United States and African Command area of responsibility resulted in an erosion of support for violent extremism, strengthened support for partner-nation counter-terror capabilities and continued to build governance capacity in order to eliminate the safe havens in which violent extremist organizations operate. The 6th Psychological Operations Battalion’s dedication to duty and unwavering commitment is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 4th
Military Information Support Group (Airborne), the United States Army Special Operations Command (Airborne) 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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