PERMANENT ORDERS 241-06

511th Engineer Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 2 March 2010 to 10 February 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 2 March 2010 to 10 February 2011, the 511th Engineer Detachment displayed exceptionally meritorious service during support and combat operations in Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar and Oman while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. The unit was entrusted with protecting U.S. Army vessels in CENTCOM, supporting operational capabilities of vessels from three branches of service and supporting the theater engineer brigade during the responsible drawdown of forces in Iraq. The unit’s display of professionalism and expertise while conducting concurrent operations throughout the theater was exemplary. Non-commissioned officers of the unit proved their leadership abilities and potential throughout the deployment with little guidance as mission NCOIC’s during the majority of the detachment operations, with a 100 percent success rate. Four different Staff Sergeants of the 511th Engineer Detachment were tasked as Liaison Officers to the 36th Engineer Brigade in Joint Base Balad for several months at a time to lead the forward staged dive team and coordinate with the theater engineer brigade to support operations during the removal of U.S. bridges for the responsible drawdown of forces from Iraq. The unit’s support for the movement of valuable U.S. Army assets in Qatar and Oman directly influenced the success rate of logistical maneuvers during the tremendous task of withdrawing a nation’s armed force from a theater of operation. The 511th Engineer Detachment’s actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit 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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