256th Combat Support Hospital
402d Medical Detachment (3 November 2010 to 20 June 2011)
98th Medical Detachment (15 February 2011 to 20 October 2011)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 3 November 2010 to 20 October 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 3 November 2010 to 20 October 2011, 256th Combat Support Hospital and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation New Dawn. The unit’s superior performance in delivering health services support across twelve geographically separated bases in the United States Division-North and United States Division-Central in support of the Iraqi Joint Operations Area contributed immeasurably to the mission successes of Task Force 807th Medical Deployment Support Command and Task Force 804th Medical Brigade and established the model of excellence for other Combat Support Hospitals to follow. The dedication to duty and steadfast commitment to the mission of the 256th Combat Support Hospital and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, the 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 326-09, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 22 November 2011

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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