PERMANENT ORDER 059-09
28 February 2012

Headquarters, 116th Brigade Combat Team, 29th Infantry Division

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 12 July 2011 to 2 January 2012
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 12 July 2011 to
2 January 2012, the Headquarters, 116th Brigade Combat Team, 29th Infantry Division
displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in
Afghanistan. The unit’s professionalism and proficiency was evident through the partnerships
forged with its Afghan counterparts and the abilities of its Soldiers and leaders to innovate and
accomplish the mission. The unit’s ability to provide command and control capability to 1-24th
Infantry Battalion, 2d Romanian Infantry Battalion, 495th Romanian Infantry Battalion,
Agribusiness Development Team and Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul represents an
outstanding effort. This mission marked the first occasion that a National Guard Brigade
Headquarters deployed solely as a command and control element in command of North Atlantic
Treaty Organization and active component United States Army Forces. The dedication and
outstanding performance of Headquarters, 116th Brigade Combat Team, 29th Infantry Division
are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon the
unit, 29th Infantry Division 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.
PERMANENT ORDER 059-09, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 28 February 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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