PERMANENT ORDER 101-11

609th Transportation Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 4 March 2011 to 4 November 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 4 March 2011 to 4 November 2011, the 609th Transportation Detachment displayed meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit operated the Arrival/Departure Aerial Control Group, the Central Receiving and Shipping Point, the Passenger Terminal and the Main Entry Point from Camp Leatherneck/Bastion Airfield and Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan. The Soldiers of the unit processed more than 45,000 host nation trucks, 16,433 Transportation Movement Requests and manifested more than 32,000 passengers for delivery to or onward movement in support of costumer units. The unit saved the government money by re-missioning Transportation Movement Requests to avoid host nation truck cancellations. During the time spent in Camp Stone, the unit processed more than 4,000 passenger airlift requests, which averaged more than 50 air movement requests weekly in support of customers traveling into and out of Helmand Province. The unit’s mission execution and commitment to excellence set a new standard for Camp Leatherneck/Bastion Airfield. The actions of the 609th Transportation Detachment are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, its Soldiers, the 313th Transportation Battalion, the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan 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. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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