Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion
293d Military Police Company (31 July 2009 to 6 July 2010)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 13 July 2009 to 6 July 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 13 July 2009 to 6 July 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion and subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious conduct while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit demonstrated adaptability, steadfastness and unprecedented performance of duty while enhancing Afghan National Police capabilities. The unit’s ability to provide training partnership and combined operations throughout Kandahar, Afghanistan was vital to the security posture of the Afghan people, representing an outstanding effort and overall strategic success of the first-ever partnership of the Afghan National Police and military police units. The dedication and outstanding performance of the unit contributed to the total success of Combined Joint Task Force-82, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, the 82d Airborne 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. 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.
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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