Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010, Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion and its subordinate units displayed outstanding meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom. As the only active component airborne Civil Affairs battalion with Central Command orientation, the unit consistently provided exceptional civil military support to Special Operations Command Central, the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force and the Joint Task Force. The dedication and outstanding performance of Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade 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.
PERMANENT ORDER 178-13, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 26 June 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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