Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 15 August 2011 to 24 November 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 15 August 2011 to 24 November 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment and the cited units displayed superior valorous service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Paktika Province, Afghanistan. The units continuously displayed an unrivaled ability to develop and implement viable operations to counter insurgent activity and accomplish the mission beyond the call of duty. The units' ability to adapt to a dynamic battlefield and their propensity to take the battle to the enemy allowed them to defeat extremists with the highest degree of valor. The dedication and outstanding performance of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment and the cited units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the units, the 172d Infantry Brigade 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. 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 237-04, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 24 August 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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