1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment
Company D, 801st Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 23 December 2010 to 30 January 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 23 December 2010 to 30 January 2011, the 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment and the cited unit changed the lives of thousands of civilians and paved the way of prosperity for future generations in Western Nangarhar Province. Over the course of 19 blistering cold winter days, Task Force Panther conducted three Task Force level air assaults, nine clearance operations and resulted in the reconnection of an entire district to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The exemplary performance of 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment and the cited unit is in keeping with highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the 1st Squadron, the 4th Brigade Combat Team, the 101st Airborne Division 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 036-06, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 5 February 2013

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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