PERMANENT ORDER 135-12

2d Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment
Company F, 701st Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 May 2012 to 15 February 2013
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 May 2012 to 15 February 2013, the 2d Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The battalion demonstrated the ability to innovate and accomplish the mission beyond the call of duty. The battalion's ability to successfully implement and execute the fundamentals of counter insurgency operations while advising and assisting the Afghan National Army allowed for the battalion and its allied partners to defeat the enemy with professionalism and exceptional service. The actions of the 2d Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, Combined Joint Task Force I, United States Forces-Afghanistan 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 135-12, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 15 May 2013

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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