Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 214th Fires Brigade Headquarters

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 April 2012 to 15 January 2013
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 April 2012 to 15 January 2013, Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 214th Fires Brigade Headquarters displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In order to meet its mission requirement, the unit used less than 14 weeks to identify, plan, develop, man, equip and train 11 Security Force Advise and Assist Teams for deployment. Despite the short amount of time, the unit's Security Force Advise and Assist Teams were deployed and conducted combat, advise and assist missions in the southern provinces of Afghanistan. The unit was responsible for enabling Afghan National Security Forces in order to improve their operational effectiveness and expand security throughout the region ultimately leading to the Afghan National Security Forces defeat of insurgency. The unit's accomplishments were critical and paramount to the Afghan National Security Forces, Regional Command-South and the International Security Assistance Force mission. The unit developed strong and effective Afghan National Security Forces to gain operational effectiveness and prepared them for an Afghan led role in Afghanistan. The unit made a significant and enduring contribution by enabling the Afghan National Security Forces to provide its citizens security, an opportunity to solidify a stable and effective Government and ultimately contribute to the future prosperity of Afghanistan. The actions of Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 214th Fires Brigade are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, the 214th Fires Brigade Headquarters, the 4th Infantry Division, Regional Command-South and the United States Army.
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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:

[Signature]
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