Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 84th Ordnance Battalion
706th Ordnance Company (17 March 2012 to 20 September 2012)
784th Ordnance Company (17 March 2012 to 14 November 2012)
737th Ordnance Company (17 March 2012 to 15 October 2012)
725th Ordnance Company (7 July 2012 to 15 January 2013)
717th Ordnance Company (2 September 2012 to 16 March 2013)
966 OL-A Flight (17 March 2012 to 30 December 2012)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 17 March 2012 to 16 March 2013
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 17 March 2012 to 16 March 2013, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 84th Ordnance Battalion and the cited units displayed extraordinary service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The units embodied effort, professionalism and fearlessness while also playing an important role in every major combat operation conducted in Regional Command-East. By positioning themselves between the dangerous improvised explosive devices designed to target and eradicate them and their Coalition brothers and sisters, the joint teams of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 84th Ordnance Battalion and the cited units displayed the greatest example of selfless service and loyalty. The units' ability to innovate and accomplish combat explosive ordnance disposal operations in support of the 1st Infantry Division set the standard by which all other elements will be judged. Their bravery and sacrifice saved countless Coalition and Afghan lives, providing critical protection to the infrastructure of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Their support to the war resulted in the elimination of 1,088 improvised explosive devices from the battlefield and the distribution of over 50,000 pounds of hazardous explosives and materials to make improved explosive devices. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 84th Ordnance Battalion and the cited units' actions critically hindered the ability of insurgents to disrupt and eradicate coalition forces. The units' outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the units 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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