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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment
Company B, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment
29th Engineer Company
Detachment, 72nd Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division
Detachment, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 12 December 2012 to 8 September 2013
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 12 December 2012 to 8 September 2013, the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment and the cited units' distinguished themselves while engaged in military operations against enemies of the United States of America in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. While conducting full-spectrum operations across Maiwand and Zharay Districts of Kandahar Province, the cited units aggressively removed a determined and entrenched enemy force, denied historic enemy support zones, disrupted supply, command and communications nodes. These efforts enabled successful civilian leadership throughout the units' area of operations and expanded security into areas previously governed by Taliban forces, resulting directly in competent Afghan National Security Forces conducting independent security operations. The efforts and sacrifices of the units enabled the people of Maiwand in their vision and hope for a secure and independent Afghanistan. The 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment and the cited units' performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon themselves, Ready First Combat Team, 1st Armored Division 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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