PERMANENT ORDER 289-15 16 October 2013

Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 81st Civil Affairs Battalion
Company A, 81st Civil Affairs Battalion
Company B, 81st Civil Affairs Battalion
Company C, 81st Civil Affairs Battalion
Company D, 81st Civil Affairs Battalion
Company A, 486th Civil Affairs Battalion (6 January 2013 to 27 August 2013)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 17 December 2012 to 27 August 2013
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 17 December 2012 to 27 August 2013, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 81st Civil Affairs Battalion and the cited unit's distinguished themselves in all areas of Civil Affairs operations with an emphasis on the civil military operations in support of International Security Assistance Force Joint Command and numerous regional commands throughout Afghanistan. The units supported many Provincial Reconstruction Teams which facilitated the retrograde and eventual closure of all District Support Teams. The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 81st Civil Affairs Battalion and cited units' performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon themselves, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command 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.
PERMANENT ORDERS, 289-15 U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 
1600 Spearhead Division Ave., Fort Knox, KY 40122, 16 October 2013

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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