PERMANENT ORDER 354-18  20 December 2013

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143d Sustainment Command

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 27 February 2009 to 28 December 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 27 February 2009 to 28 December 2009, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143d Sustainment Command distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization-International Security Assistance Forces. The unit assumed sustainment responsibilities for all of Afghanistan, provided logistics to enable the massive expansion of forward operating bases and assisted in providing the full spectrum of Title X support to thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen in Regional Command South. Additionally, the unit established Reception, Staging and Onward movement capabilities which supported the expansion of United States Forces by 20,000 in Regional Command South and Regional Command West. The unit oversaw the delivery of 295,000 pieces of non-expendable equipment, 6,500 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles oversaw contracts exceeding 1.5 billion dollars in support and services. Working closely with the International Security Assistance Force and Coalition partners, the unit provided over 700 million dollars in life support and services while building a Class X Humanitarian Assistance Distribution Center in Kandahar. The direct actions of the unit directly influenced the expansion of forces to improve regional security in Afghanistan. By their exemplary performance of duties, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143d Sustainment Command have brought great credit upon itself, their Service, the United States Central Command, the Department of Defense 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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