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129th Public Affairs Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 February 2013 to 7 February 2014
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. The Combined Joint Task Force-101 and the cited units distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service from 1 February 2013 to 7 February 2014 in Regional Command-East, Afghanistan. During this period, the Soldiers, Coalition Partners and Civilians of Combined Joint Task Force-101 made tremendous progress in enhancing security and stability to set conditions for transition of civil control to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the retrograde of Coalition Forces. The command created a unified team that was integrated in all operations and committed to working with and through Afghan institutions. Significant improvement was made to separate insurgents from the Afghan population and build Afghan trust in their government by focusing efforts on key terrain districts. Combined Joint Task Force-101 supervised and resourced remarkable progress in building the capability and capacity of the Afghan National Security Forces, as well as district and provincial governments through combined action and partnership. Combined security, development and governance operations and initiatives protected freedom of movement along critical economic corridors and border crossings. The synchronized unified efforts of Combined Joint Task Force-101 resulted in significant Afghan sustainable momentum of Afghan National Security Forces and local governance capabilities and credibility at the district government level in key terrain districts building Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan legitimacy and setting conditions for transition. The teamwork, synergy, exceptional accomplishments and exemplary performance of duty demonstrated by the unified team of Combined Joint Task Force-101 are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and have brought great credit upon the cited units, United States Forces-Afghanistan, United States Central Command and the Department of Defense and the United States Army.
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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