PERMANENT ORDER 216-04

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 53d Transportation Battalion
679th Transportation Detachment (9 July 2013 to 7 March 2014)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 9 July 2013 to 8 April 2014
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 9 July 2013 to 8 April 2014, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 53d Transportation Battalion and the cited unit displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom missions throughout Central and Southwest Asia from their headquarters in Kuwait. The units demonstrated the ability to provide the Warfighter with world class logistical support for combat operations across air, ground and sea. This was accomplished while simultaneously supporting a multitude of operations in order to shape future movement control capabilities and strengthen regional partnerships. The dedication and outstanding performance of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 53d Transportation Battalion and the cited unit are in keeping with the highest military traditions and reflects great credit upon themselves, the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) 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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