PERMANENT ORDER 248-05 5 September 2014

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 23 September 2013 to 7 June 2014
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 23 September 2013 to 7 June 2014, Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment and the cited units displayed extraordinary wartime service during sustained military operations against enemies of the United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in support of Operations Enduring Freedom while conducting combat operations in Paktika Province. The units aggressively conducted Security Force Assistance and Advisory Team operations across the five Afghan Security pillars in order to prepare Afghan National Security Forces to protect their country against a determined enemy force. These efforts are a testament to the professionalism and determination of Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment and the cited units. The aftermath of these operations created an environment in which the local Afghan people recognized that the level of security has dramatically improved across the province and that their districts and villages are becoming a safer place to live as a result. Additionally, Afghan citizens gained confidence in a competent and legitimate Government secured by organized, trained and effective Afghan National Security Forces which now serves at the forefront of efforts to establish a bright and safe future for Afghanistan. The meritorious efforts and determination of Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment ensured mission accomplishment, dealt a severe blow to enemy forces in Regional Command-East and significantly contributed to the success of the Global War on Terrorism in Afghanistan. The extraordinary determination and courage displayed by the members of the units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon 3d Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) 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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