Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment
Company D, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment
Detachment, Company E, 526th Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 8 February 2014 to 15 October 2014
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 8 February 2014 to 15 October 2014, Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XV. The units combined commitment and dedication to the mission greatly enhanced Afghan National Security Forces' ability to provide a safe and secure environment to the people of the Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. Furthermore, the unit contributed greatly to setting the conditions for the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to execute national elections independently from coalition support. The units outstanding performance is in keeping with highest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon its Soldiers, 2d Brigade Combat Team, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), United States Forces-Afghanistan and the United States Army.

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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:

STACY-ANN B. SIMMS
CW4, AG
Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch

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