PERMANENT ORDER 005-07

5 January 2015

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 437th Military Police Battalion
Company B, 3d Battalion, 144th Infantry Regiment
278th Military Police Company
838th Military Police Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 27 May 2013 to 6 February 2014
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 27 May 2013 to
6 February 2014, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 437th Military Police
Battalion and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while deployed
to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The units conducted critical
site security to secure elite military camps across ten outstations in Afghanistan. During
the course of this unique mission, the units personnel conducted entry control point,
perimeter security, ground assault force, guardian angel and convoy missions. The
units' resourcefulness, persistence and dedication to duty resulted in a robust, unified
and highly effective guard force. The effective force protection stance adopted by the
Battalion, led to adaptive and responsive infrastructure developments and the
unification of force protection measures across multiple echelons within the task force.
The success of this mission was vital to the continuity of higher level operations
conducted in surrounding areas. The units were instrumental in shaping the guard force
footprint during a pivotal planning time for base realignment and closure in Afghanistan.
Through these efforts, the units exceeded the intent of their mission and set the
standard for all follow-on units. The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment,
437th Military Police Battalion and the cited units performance of duty is in keeping with
the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon themselves, the
cited units 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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Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch

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