Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 16 September 2013 to 30 May 2014
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 16 September 2013 to 30 May 2014, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit demonstrated the ability to execute mission command and provide air and missile defense while managing split-based operations in the countries of Qatar, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Kingdom of Bahrain. Their ability to provide the Warfighter with superior air and missile defense of strategic assets in the Central Command Area of Responsibility enhanced strategic level relationships through tactical level engagements, protecting American and Host Nations interests throughout the region. The exemplary duty performance of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the themselves, United States Army Central Command and the United States Army.

Format: 320

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:

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

DISTRIBUTION:
Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 3906 Mow Way Road, Fort Sill, OK 73505 (1)
CMH, 103 Third Ave., Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319 (1)
File (1)