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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
200 STOVALL STREET
ALEXANDRIA VA 22332-0470

PERMANENT ORDERS 356-17

22 December 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 216th Air
Defense Artillery Regiment

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 34th
Infantry Division

Company A, 634th Military Intelligence Battalion

Company C, 134th Signal Battalion

Company B, 682d Engineer Battalion

Company C, 1st Battalion, 194th Armor Regiment

Company A, 2d Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment

Company B, 2d Battalion, 123d Armored Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 1 April 2006 to 11 July 2007

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 April 2006 to 11 July 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 216th Air Defense Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During its sixteen months of continuous operations the battalion operated thirteen radio relay stations, conducted over 2.9 million miles of convoy operations, completed over 1380 convoy escort team missions, and maintained an operational readiness rate of over ninety-five percent. Additionally, the unit cleared more than 220 miles of highway, and in doing so, denied the enemy sufficient cover to emplace improvised explosive devices and explosive formed projectiles. Further, the unit improved existing tactics, techniques, and procedures within the Iraqi Theater of Operations, decreasing the effectiveness of anti-Iraqi forces' attacks. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 216th Air Defense Artillery Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 34th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

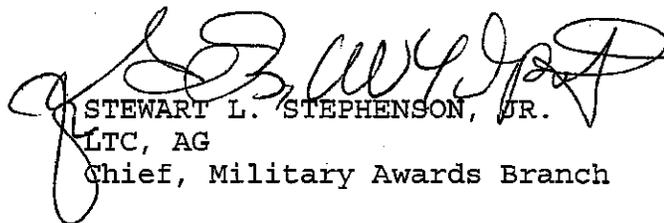
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the

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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, and the completed streamers will be distributed by the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.
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Chief, Military Awards Branch