



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 336-03

2 December 2010

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Support Battalion  
Company A, 173d Support Battalion  
Company B, 173d Support Battalion  
Company C, 173d Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 30 October 2009 to 29 October 2010

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 30 October 2009 to 29 October 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit executed population-centric counterinsurgency operations that included development and partnership with Afghan National Security Forces, neutralization of insurgent forces, and provided commanders and Warfighters with logistics, maintenance, and medical support when and wherever needed. These operations were paramount in the Brigade's ability to accomplish their mission throughout Logar and Wardak Province. The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Support Battalion and its subordinate units' outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 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

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Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units  
concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
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