



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE
FORT KNOX, KY 40121-5743

PERMANENT ORDERS 026-12

26 January 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3d
Aviation Regiment
Company D, 1st Battalion, 3d Aviation Regiment
Company E, 1st Battalion, 3d Aviation Regiment
Company A, 4th Battalion, 3d Aviation Regiment
Troop B, 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment
Company B, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment
Detachment, Company C, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 10 November 2009 to 11 November 2010

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 10 November 2009 to 11 November 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units assigned to Task Force Viper displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations during Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit provided seamless full spectrum aviation support to Task Force Red Knight, Combined Task Force Rakkasan, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Forces 3-73 and 3-10, Combined Joint Task Force-82, Combined Joint Task Force-101, and International Security Assistance Forces to accomplish more than 200 Air Assault operations, 500 medical evacuations, 750 air movement missions in which 10,000 tons of cargo and 17,000 were moved, and over 100 Quick Reaction Force launches in which over 300 insurgents were destroyed. The contributions of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units have had a measurable effect on the safety and security of the Islamic republic of Afghanistan and to the overall successful accomplishment of the Combined Joint Task Force-101 and International Security Assistance Force missions. The remarkable proficiency and exemplary performance of duty displayed by the members of this Task Force have brought great credit upon the 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

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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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

for *AM Lawrence, CWO2, Asst. Dir.*
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