



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 189-01

8 July 2011

70th Transportation Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 17 March 2010 to 15 March 2011

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 17 March 2010 to 15 March 2011, the 70th Transportation Detachment displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit established operations at two separate locations in the Regional Command-North area of operations, Camp Marmal and Camp Spann/Dehdadi II, and assumed responsibility of numerous operations not previously provided by Coalition Forces. The unit managed an enormous influx of Soldiers and equipment into Regional Command-North due to the surge and the creation of the new forward operating base at Dehdadi II and ensured the cargo reached its destination in order to support the Warfighter and life support operations. The Soldiers of the 70th Transportation Detachment applied exemplary technical transportation skills to find creative ways of supporting the mission by creating and implementing a standard operating procedure that quickly reduced the number of trucks outside of the bases, saving the government in excess of \$400,000 in the first month of operations. This stand alone element of the unit went on to process more than 5,000 host nation trucks for 40 customers delivering cargo to nine separate bases and camps throughout the Regional Command-North while maintaining accountability of the shipment of more than \$300 million worth of equipment throughout a five month period. By the conclusion of the deployment the unit had established operations in two expeditionary environments while providing direct movement control support to approximately 70 different military, Coalition and civilian organizations. The 70th Transportation Detachment's actions are in keeping with the highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon the unit 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:

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