



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDER 054-15

23 February 2012

Headquarters, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division  
703d Ordnance Company (9 May 2011 to 31 December 2011)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 30 December 2010 to 31 December 2011

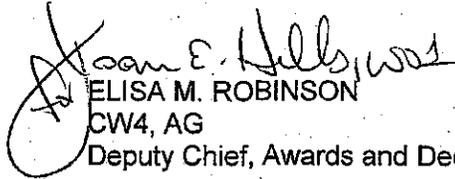
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 30 December 2010 to 31 December 2011, Headquarters, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and its subordinate unit displayed exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of duties while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Assigned as Task Force Duke, the unit conducted sustained combat and support missions across Khost and Paktia provinces. The unit's expertise in bringing defensive combat power to bear on the enemy set the conditions for victory and represents a phenomenal effort. Task Force Duke's support of the Afghan government and Afghan National Security Force partners facilitated the creation of a safe and stable environment for Afghanistan's citizens and set the conditions for sustainable progress. Task Force Duke demonstrated a tenacious and relentless ability to accomplish the mission beyond the call of duty. The outstanding performance and dedication of Headquarters, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and its subordinate unit, serving as Soldiers on the forward edge of freedom, upholds the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the 3d Brigade Combat Team, Combined Joint Task Force-1 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 Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

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Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 23 February 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
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