



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

PERMANENT ORDER 252-07

9 September 2013

4th Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment
Detachment, Forward 29, Headquarters, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
Detachment, Headquarters, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry
Division (Provisional)
Detachment, 529th Signal Company (20 November 2012 to 15 December 2012)
1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Regiment (20 November 2012 to 15 December 2012)
Detachment, 20th Engineer Brigade
Detachment, 168th Support Battalion
693d Engineer Company
766th Ordnance Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 15 October 2012 to 15 December 2012

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 15 October 2012 to 15 December 2012, 4th Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment and the cited units, distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations against enemies of the United States of America in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. While conducting full-spectrum operations across Maiwand and Western Zharay districts of Kandahar Province, the cited units aggressively removed a determined enemy force, denied historic support zones and lines of communication, enabling the increasing competence of independent Afghan National Security Forces while extending the reach of the Afghan Government. The results of this operation created an environment where the people are more secure, led by competent leaders of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, secured by an effective and professional Afghan National Security Force and that improvements in their daily lives can inspire hope for the future. The extraordinary heroism and courage displayed by the 4th Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment and cited units are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves 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

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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. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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