



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

PERMANENT ORDER 212-01

31 July 2014

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 242d Ordnance Battalion  
65th Ordnance Company (8 September 2013 to 8 June 2014)  
760th Ordnance Company (21 November 2013 to 18 July 2014)  
705th Ordnance Company (12 September 2013 to 15 April 2014)  
663d Ordnance Company (19 July 2013 to 28 March 2014)  
761st Ordnance Company (29 August 2013 to 15 April 2014)  
466 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight Operating Location-Bravo  
(12 October 2013 to 28 April 2014)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 19 July 2013 to 18 July 2014

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy, during the period 19 July 2013 to 18 July 2014, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 242d Ordnance Battalion and the cited units distinguished themselves by demonstrating exceptionally valorous service. The units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in the provinces of Kandahar and Parwan, Afghanistan. Their embodied effort, professionalism and fearlessness played an important role in major combat operations conducted across Afghanistan. By positioning themselves between the dangerous improvised explosive devices designed to target and eradicate them and their Coalition brothers and sisters. They displayed the greatest example of selfless service and loyalty. The units' ability to innovate and accomplish combat Explosive Ordnance Disposal operations in support of the mission set the standard by which all elements should be judged. Their bravery and sacrifice saved countless Coalition and Afghan lives and provided critical protection to the infrastructure of Afghanistan. Their support to the war resulted in the completion of 848 named operations, the defeat of over 300 Improvised Explosive Devices, exploitation of 127 weapon caches, evacuation of approximately 110,000 items of intelligence to Level 2 exploitation labs and the destruction of more than 300,000 pounds of enemy munitions and explosives. The exemplary performance of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 242d Ordnance Battalion and the cited units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon themselves, the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, United States Forces-Afghanistan 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. 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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