



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

PERMANENT ORDER 307-02

3 November 2014

18th Ordnance Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 14 April 2014 to 31 October 2014

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 14 April 2014 to 31 October 2014, 18th Ordnance Company distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Throughout this period, the Soldiers of this Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company planned and executed sustained combat operations against determined enemy insurgent forces, ultimately denying sanctuary to the Anti-Coalition enemy of Afghanistan fighters and leading to the destruction of insurgents and expulsion of terrorist organizations. The actions of the unit led directly to the stability and legitimacy of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Through countless hours and unrelenting attention to detail, the Soldiers of the unit effectively executed complex combat operations that set the conditions for victory in support of Operation Enduring Freedom against an Asymmetric Warfare enemy integrated throughout Afghanistan. By their exemplary performance of duty, the Soldiers of the 18th Ordnance Company brought great credit upon themselves, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command-Afghanistan, Special Operations Command-Central, 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.

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