



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
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PERMANENT ORDERS 232-08

20 August 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Support Battalion
Company A, 173d Support Battalion
Company B, 173d Support Battalion
Company C, 173d Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 20 May 2007 to 1 June 2008

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 20 May 2007 to 1 June 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit provided seamless logistics support for Nangarhar, Nuristan, Kunar, and Laghman Provinces within Regional Command-East, Afghanistan. The battalion's ability to provide commanders and warfighters with logistics, maintenance, and medical support, wherever and whenever needed to enable decisive victory, represents an outstanding effort. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Support Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Task Force Bayonet, Combined Joint Task Force-101, and the United States Army.

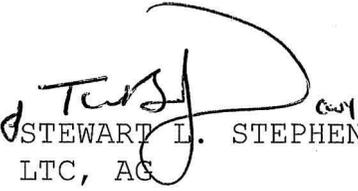
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is 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, and the

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completed streamers will be distributed by the Human Resources
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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