



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
200 STOVALL STREET
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PERMANENT ORDERS 281-72

8 October 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 321st Engineer Battalion
Company A, 321st Engineer Battalion
Company B, 321st Engineer Battalion
Company C, 397th Engineer Battalion
718th Engineer Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 7 February 2007 to 31 July 2007

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 7 February 2007 to 31 July 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 321st Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in and around Al Anbar Province. The unit provided route clearance operations for Multi-National Corps-Iraq providing assured mobility for Coalition and Iraqi Forces. In doing so, the battalion significantly reduced casualties resulting from improvised explosive devices for both friendly forces and the Iraqi civilian population. The unit's actions also allowed for the free and unrestricted conduct of combat operations within the area of operations, ultimately helping to reduce the frequency and number of attacks carried out by insurgent forces. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 321st Engineer Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 20th Engineer Brigade, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, and the United States Army.

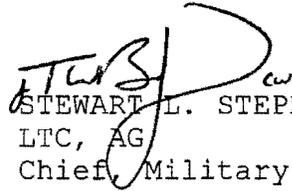
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is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

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entitled to display the award, and the completed streamers will
be distributed by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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Chief, Military Awards Branch