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PERMANENT ORDERS 282-29

9 October 2009

Headquarters, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Army Superior Unit Award

Period of service: 1 October 2007 to 1 November 2008

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-16

Reason: For outstanding meritorious service. During the period of 1 October 2007 to 1 November 2008, Headquarters, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division displayed outstanding meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism. In preparing for deployment to theater, the unit completed five major brigade moves, trained at five different training sites across three states, and completed a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk. The unit accomplished all of these things while in the process of transforming from a heavy armor brigade to a light infantry brigade combat team. The unit also fielded and trained on 34 pieces of new equipment which facilitated the transition from an analog command and control system to the Army's newest digital command and control systems. The unit further distinguished itself through superb battle focus and initiative and by meeting or exceeding every benchmark, training standard, and expectation in their persistent pursuit of excellence. Headquarters, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit and the United States Army.

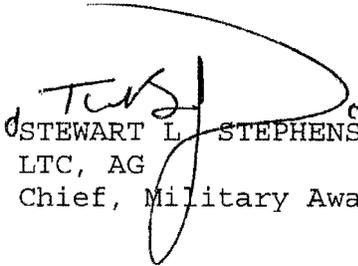
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is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