



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
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PERMANENT ORDERS 288-13

15 October 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry
Regiment

Troop A, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment

Troop B, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment

Troop C, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment

Company D, 299th Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 6 October 2008 to 28 September 2009

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

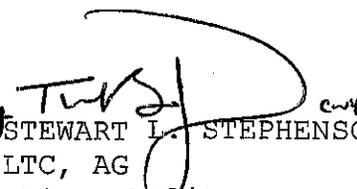
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 6 October 2008 to 28 September 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit conducted decisive offensive operations against Sunni insurgents of the 1920s Revolution Brigades, the terrorists of the Islamic State of Iraq, the Salah Al-Din Battalion and the remnants of al-Qaeda in Iraq. The squadron's collective efforts destroyed the 1920s Revolution Brigades' RKG-3 grenade ambush platoon, operating in Ghazaliyh, and pushed the enemy completely from the city. Fighting side-by-side with the Iraqi Army, the unit additionally participated in attacks to defeat the RKG-3 ambush cells operating in Ameriyah, Yarmouk, Khadra, Jamia, and Mansour. The capture and follow-on exploitation of these key insurgents led to the defeat of improvised explosive device and assassination cells of the Salah Al-Din Battalion. The unit's professionalism and dedication went above the call of duty and contributed greatly to the success of Multi-National Division-Baghdad. Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 1st Infantry Division, 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 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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