



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
200 STOVALL STREET
ALEXANDRIA VA 22332-0470

PERMANENT ORDERS 005-18

5 January 2010

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 161st
Infantry Regiment

Company A, 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment

Company B, 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment

Company C, 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment

Company D, 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment

Company E, 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment

Company A, 181st Support Battalion

Company B, 181st Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 21 October 2008 to 30 July 2009

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 21 October 2008 to 30 July 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit distinguished itself through superior management and execution of logistical support functions and force protection for all forces conducting combat operations in Iraq. The battalion's ability to take the initiative and improve in all areas of operation serves as a model of excellence for all like units to emulate. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Multi-National Corps-Iraq, and the United States Army.

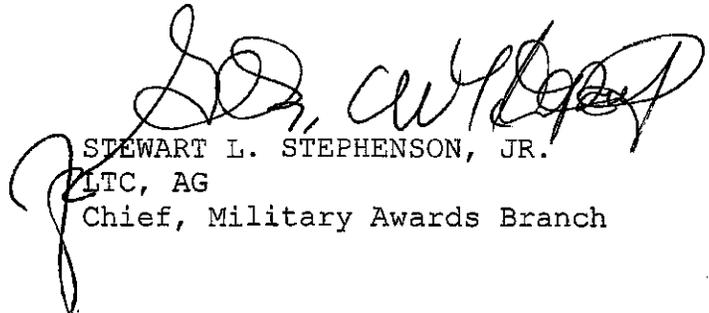
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is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

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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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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Chief, Military Awards Branch