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U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 069-49

10 March 2011

31st Combat Support Hospital

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 28 December 2009 to 17 January 2011

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 28 December 2009 to 17 January 2011, the 31st Combat Support Hospital displayed exceptionally meritorious service while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Command and staff established regional medical task forces in Regional Command-West and Regional Command-Southwest, the largest geographic area in Combined Joint Operating Area-Afghanistan. The 31st Combat Support Hospital built the first expeditionary combat support hospital since 2003 under the most extreme environmental conditions and austere circumstances, subsequently providing outstanding Role 3 surgical resuscitation to more than 1300 Marines, Soldiers, Coalition Forces and local national patients during eight months of service. A thousand operations were performed, and United States combat casualties demonstrated a 96% survival rate. The 31st Combat Support Hospital accomplished outstanding mission success beyond the call of duty. The dedication and outstanding performance in a combat zone of the 31st Combat Support Hospital is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, United States Forces-Afghanistan 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

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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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