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1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 199-03

18 July 2011

259th Transportation Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 3 July 2010 to 25 June 2011

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 3 July 2010 to 25 June 2011, the 259th Transportation Detachment displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit deployed to Camp Phoenix and Deh Dadi II, Afghanistan in order to perform movement control operations under command and control of both the 419th and 313th Joint Movement Control Battalions. The unit operated in four separate locations within Regional Command-North and Regional Command-Central. The 259th Transportation Detachment established increased in-transit visibility, processed more than 20,000 host nation trucks and operated entry control points at Camp Mike Spann, Deh Dadi I and Deh Dadi II. In addition, the unit stood up operations and created in-transit visibility at Hairton Gate border crossing in support of the northern distribution network for 75 percent of all cargo moving into and out of Afghanistan. By the conclusion of the unit's year long rotation, the 259th Transportation Detachment saved more than \$700,000 of U.S. government funds, moved more than 8,400 passengers via rotary aircraft and moved all classes of supply into and out of Regional Command-North in support of the Warfighter. The unit provided unmatched movement control support and accomplished a challenging mission while forming relationships with Afghan citizens and contributing to the International Security and Assistance Forces' efforts. The actions of the 259th Transportation Detachment are in keeping with the highest military traditions and reflect great 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

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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. 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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