



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 200-55

19 July 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade,
4th Infantry Division
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 4th Aviation
Regiment
Company A, 2d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company B, 2d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company C, 2d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company D, 2d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company E, 2d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company F, 2d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 4th Aviation
Regiment
Company A, 3d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company B, 3d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company C, 3d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company D, 3d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company E, 3d Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 4th
Aviation Regiment
Company A, 4th Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company B, 4th Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company C, 4th Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company D, 4th Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Company E, 4th Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment
Headquarters Support Company, 404th Support Battalion
Company A, 404th Support Battalion
Company B, 404th Support Battalion
Company C, 404th Support Battalion
Company F, 2d Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 11 July 2010 to 1 July 2011

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 11 July 2010 to 1 July 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division and its subordinate units assigned as Task Force Iron Eagles exhibited an outstanding degree of gallantry, determination and esprit de corps in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while engaged in military operations in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Task Force Iron Eagle Soldiers conducted initial entry operations in an austere environment and completed every mission with uncommon valor in support of 22

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allied nations across four Regional Commands and 20 separate locations over half of Afghanistan, the largest geographical area of any combat aviation brigade. While providing full spectrum aviation support across the Combined Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan, the members of the unit aggressively conducted aviation operations to disrupt and destroy a determined and prepared enemy force. Under the constant threat of surface-to-air fires and often under heavy enemy fire, the Iron Eagles continuously and successfully defeated the enemy through direct fires or in support of ground forces. With disregard to its safety, the unit responded rapidly to the ever-changing tactical situation, always seizing the initiative, pressing the fight and exploiting success. The valorous efforts and dedication to mission success displayed by Task Force Iron Eagles dealt a severe blow to enemy forces and significantly contributed to the overseas contingency operation as part of the Presidential surge of Operation Enduring Freedom throughout Afghanistan. The extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division and its subordinate units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, United States Forces-Afghanistan and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
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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. The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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