



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 214-06

2 August 2011

6th Psychological Operations Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 1 January 2009 to 29 May 2011

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 January 2009 to 29 May 2011, the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion displayed exceptionally meritorious service while executing sustained military information support operations at the tactical, operational and strategic levels in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom-Horn of Africa and Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans Sahara. The unit's unwavering commitment during repeated rotations to the Afghanistan area of operations worked to instill doubt, destroy the credibility and diminish the capability of the insurgency in order to support the development of a stable Afghanistan. The Battalion's unparalleled efforts at the tactical level of operations in support of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan significantly expanded the tactical radio broadcast footprint in support of village stability operations and provided the Afghan National Army Special Operations Forces with their own information dissemination skills and capability, truly providing Afghan faces and voices to the message narrative. The unit's contribution as Commander, International Security Assistance Forces' strategic influence element was truly historic, including simultaneously conducting strategic military information support operations at various levels of attribution, a compartmentalized information operations program and a \$70 million telecommunications program. The Battalion's exemplary and unmatched efforts throughout enduring military information support operations within the United States and African Command area of responsibility resulted in an erosion of support for violent extremism, strengthened support for partner-nation counter-terror capabilities and continued to build governance capacity in order to eliminate the safe havens in which violent extremist organizations operate. The 6th Psychological Operations Battalion's dedication to duty and unwavering commitment is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 4th

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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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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