



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 237-12

25 August 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 426th Support Battalion
Company A, 426th Support Battalion
Company B, 426th Support Battalion
Company C, 426th Support Battalion
Headquarters, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 9 June 2010 to 30 September 2010

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 9 June 2010 to 30 September 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 426th Support Battalion and its subordinate units assigned as Task Force Taskmaster were distinguished by exhibiting extraordinary valor while engaged in support and counterinsurgency operations along Route California, Route Iowa, Route Illinois and Forward Operating Base Fenty in the provinces of Nangarhar and Kunar, Afghanistan. Continuous operations were conducted in the rugged mountainous terrain of Eastern Afghanistan that provided a highly disciplined, motivated and experienced insurgent force a tactical advantage against the Soldiers of the unit. The enemy prepared and executed complex ambushes and assaults against Taskmaster operations while utilizing vehicle-borne improvised explosives, suicide vest lead assaults, rocket-propelled grenade volleys, heavy machine gun fires, command-wire improvised explosive devices and small arms fire in their attempts to disrupt operations and deny the success of the mission. Through its dedication to duty and honor, the unit gallantly faced the enemy and denied the insurgents the ability to shape the operational environment. Taskmaster and its Afghan Security Forces brothers in arms never faltered from the mission of providing support for the Bastogne Brigade, the brigade's subordinate units and the people of Afghanistan. The extraordinary valor and devotion to duty of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 426th Support Battalion and its subordinate units are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, the Bastogne Brigade, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Combined Joint Task Force-101 and United States Army.

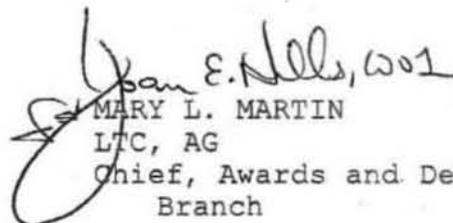
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organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in Department of the Army General Orders. Official verification of a specific 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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LTC, AG
Chief, Awards and Decorations
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