



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 251-11

8 September 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th  
Infantry Regiment

Company A, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment

Company B, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment

Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment

Company D, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment

Company F, 201st Support Battalion

Battery C, 3d Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment

(31 July 2008 to 31 October 2008)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 30 July 2008 to 31 October 2008

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 30 July 2008 to 31 October 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units composing Task Force Spader exhibited an outstanding degree of gallantry, determination and esprit de corps in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. The unit's unparalleled dedication to duty and outstanding combat record greatly contributed to the accomplishment of the mission and the destruction of the insurgency in Kunar Province. The resolve and outstanding performance of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the Blue Spaders, the Duke Brigade and the United States Army.

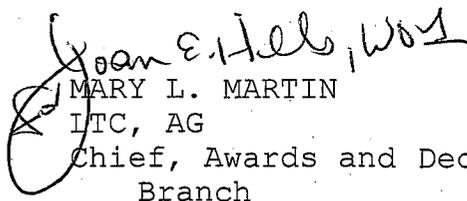
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is 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 organization clearly

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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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ITC, AG  
Chief, Awards and Decorations  
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