



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 326-26

22 November 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 181st  
Infantry Regiment

Company A, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment  
Company B, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment  
Company C, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment  
Company D, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment  
Detachment, 1st Battalion, 158th Infantry Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 24 October 2010 to 15 July 2011

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 24 October 2010 to 15 July 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed distinctly meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit conducted decentralized counterinsurgency, security, support and combat operations throughout Afghanistan. In addition, the unit completed all assigned missions and endures the Provincial Reconstruction Teams and Camps being secured suffered no operational disruption caused by enemy action. The Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment, with their Coalition and Afghan partners, met and defeated a determined enemy. The actions of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, its Soldiers and the United States Army.

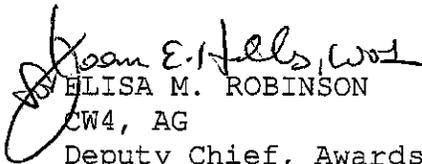
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is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

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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:

  
MELISSA M. ROBINSON  
CW4, AG

Deputy Chief, Awards and  
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