



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

PERMANENT ORDER 185-02

3 July 2012

172d Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 22 July 2011 to 14 June 2012

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 22 July 2011 to 14 June 2012, the 172d Support Battalion displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit provided combined, responsive and uninterrupted sustainment support to the 172d Infantry Brigade and the Afghan National Army's 2d Brigade, 203d Corps in Paktika Province and eastern Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. The 172d Support Battalion's proactive "support forward in partnership" focus allowed Task Force Blackhawk maneuver commanders to maximize combat power, ensuring no mission failed due to sustainment. The unit's effective partnership with the Afghan National Army's 5th Combat Service Support Kandak enabled the 2d Brigade, 203d Corps to be capable and sustainable through their own systems. The unparalleled performance of duty of the 172d Support Battalion is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Task Force Blackhawk, Combined Joint Task Force-1 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 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. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

PERMANENT ORDER 185-02, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600  
Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 3 July 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elisa M. Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ELISA M. ROBINSON  
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Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations  
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