



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

PERMANENT ORDER 325-03

20 November 2012

151st Signal Battalion
820th Signal Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 8 July 2010 to 7 July 2011

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 8 July 2010 to 7 July 2011, the 151st Signal Battalion and the cited unit provided Battle Command communications while operating, maintaining and defending the operational base command, control, communications and computer network in an austere combat environment. The Signal Battalion provided the full array of communications services, enabling the first generation of network-centric operations to become a reality. The battalion had a profound impact on a myriad of operations and exercises in the United States Central Command theater, and directly supported every major command including Central Command Combined Field Headquarters, United States Forces-Iraq and United States Forces-Afghanistan. The battalion synchronized and executed Army, Joint and Coalition communications requirements throughout the theater providing the critical backbone for Battle Command Systems allowing the Warfighter to advise in preparation for the United States Forces-Iraq transition to the Government of Iraq. As the provider of the main communication hub in theater, the battalion leveraged the commercial sector to operate and maintain critical communication nodes while freeing thousands of Soldiers to redeploy and refit. The battalion provided VIP communications for the Vice President of the United States, Secretary of Defense and numerous other government officials. The units' outstanding dedication to the mission and superior performance of all tasks are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the 151st Signal Battalion, the cited unit and the United States Army.

Format: 320

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

PERMANENT ORDER 325-03, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600
Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 20 November 2012

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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



ELISA M. ROBINSON

CW4, AG

Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations
Branch