



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 115-11

25 April 2013

497th Transportation Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 23 April 2011 to 22 April 2012

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 23 April 2011 to 22 April 2012, the 497th Transportation Detachment displayed meritorious service during Operation Enduring Freedom. This unit processed and tracked all inbound and outbound cargo via air and host nation trucking from Spin Boldak and Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. The Soldiers of this unit processed more than 25,000 host nation trucks for redeployment and sustainment distribution and increased passenger movement by 50%. The unit saved the United States government more than \$800,000 by re-missioning transportation movement request to avoiding host nation truck cancellations. The actions of the 497th Transportation Detachment are in keeping with highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon the unit, the 257th Transportation Battalion, the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan 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.

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Spearhead Division Ave., Fort Knox, KY 40122, 25 April 2013

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  
Branch