



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

PERMANENT ORDER 254-06

11 September 2013

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 655th Support Group

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 10 February 2012 to 2 December 2012

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 10 February 2012 to 2 December 2012, the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 655th Support Group provided base operation support-integrator services in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit's actions during its mission was integral to the success of over 25,000 United States Forces, contractors and embedded nations. The unit provided installation readiness, superior base camp services and established a variety of quality of life and Soldier resiliency programs. The unit managed the completion of garrison projects totaling over 104 million dollars, provided joint acquisition review boards and joint facilities utilization commodities and services. The unit cancelled several projects and contracts that no longer met the Department of Defense's endstate, saving over five million dollars. The unit managed the completion of several permanent and transient billeting sites, a waste water treatment plant, the commissioning of the 40 mega watt power plant providing prime power, the construction of a morale, welfare and recreation facility and a chaplain resiliency center. The unit vetted and tracked over 500 contracts exceeding well over 50 million dollars that were generated from 520 United States sponsored companies, accounted for and conducted quarterly audits on over three million dollars in morale, welfare and recreation equipment, coordinated nearly 150 morale, welfare and recreation events, and directed 1.2 million dollars in morale, welfare and recreation facility renovations and upgrades. The unit conducted all dignified transfer ceremonies that paid tribute to fallen warriors averaging 16 ceremonies per month. The unit worked with the Department of Defense Inspector General safety and actioned over 300 identified deficiencies focusing on Soldier safety, maintained a 24 hour operation center and provided force protection guidance for each unit to mitigate the risk of injury from enemy attacks and provided reception, staging, onward movement and integration support transporting over 175,000 and training over 5,000 Soldiers. The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 655th Support Group's performance is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon itself, 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

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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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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