



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

PERMANENT ORDER 275-04

2 October 2013

2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment  
Company A, 52d Infantry Regiment  
Troop C, 1st Squadron, 126th Cavalry Regiment (15 April 2012 to 10 September 2012)  
Troop A, 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment (Less Detachment) (15 April 2012 to 5 January 2013)  
Detachment, Troop B, 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment (15 April 2012 to 23 April 2012)  
Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division (8 January 2012 to 9 January 2012)  
1st Battalion, 68th Armored Regiment, Security Force Advise and Assist Team 35 (Provisional) (15 April 2012 to 4 December 2012)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 15 April 2012 to 9 January 2013

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 15 April 2012 to 9 January 2013, the 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment and the cited units conducted combat and stability operations across three districts to include Shah Wali Kot, Mya Neshin and Khakrez. The members of the cited units aggressively conducted security operations to remove a determined enemy force and stability operations to enable the government. These efforts are a testament to the professionalism and determination of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, the Afghan National Security Forces and partners in government. The result of these operations has created an environment where the people perceive a more secure district led by competent leaders of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, secured by an effective and professional Afghan National Security Force and that improvements in their daily lives inspire hope for the future. The cited units ensured mission accomplishment by degrading enemy forces in the Kandahar Province, increasing government capacity and by further connecting the populace to their government. All the units significantly contributed to the Global War on Terrorism in Afghanistan. The extraordinary heroism and courage displayed by the 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment and the cited units are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves, the Lancer Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the 2d Infantry Division 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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