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

PERMANENT ORDER 143-20

23 May 2014

216th Engineer Battalion (less Company A, less the period 10 April 2004 to 22 April 2004)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 18 March 2004 to 17 December 2004

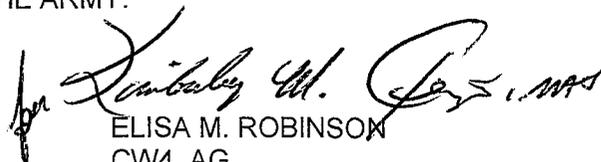
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 18 March 2004 to 17 December 2004, 216th Engineer Battalion displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit provided force protection, assured mobility, quality of life improvements, and engineering expertise for the 1st Infantry Division. They completed over 350 missions at 40 different sites, while conducting 450 combat patrols and traveling 150 thousand miles through hostile terrain. They worked over 25,000 equipment hour constructing over 50,000 meters of protective berms, filling over 6,000 Hesco Bastions, and placing 2,000 concrete barriers to protect the force. Additionally, the unit expended countless man-hours installing 60 housing units and constructing 85 tent frames and a chapel to improve quality of life. The unit conducted combat operations with courage and gallantry. The 216th Engineer Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest of traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Multi-National Force-Iraq 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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