



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND**  
200 STOVALL STREET  
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PERMANENT ORDERS 341-04

7 December 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 108th  
Field Artillery Regiment  
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 108th Field Artillery Regiment  
Battery C, 1st Battalion, 108th Field Artillery Regiment  
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 109th Field Artillery Regiment  
856th Engineer Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 22 February 2009 to 8 September 2009

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 22 February 2009 to 8 September 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 108th Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit provided superb security for Contingency Operating Base Taji and promoted security and stability in the northern region of the Division Operating Environment. As part of Task Force Joshua, the unit oversaw the Base Defense Operation Center and ensured the safety and security of all 23,000 base inhabitants. In addition, the unit conducted over 400 fire missions, over 350 Embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team patrols, and over 450 route clearance missions. The unit's aggressiveness, unwavering offensive spirit, and professionalism contributed immeasurably to the security of the volatile region. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 108th Field Artillery Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, and the United States Army.

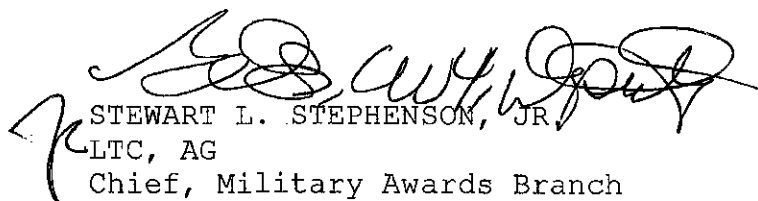
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for

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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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.  
LTC, AG  
Chief, Military Awards Branch