



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
200 STOVALL STREET  
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PERMANENT ORDERS 040-07

9 February 2010

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 227th  
Aviation Regiment

Company A, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment  
Company B, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment  
Company C, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment  
Company D, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment  
Company E, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 28 January 2007 to 29 January 2007

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 28 January 2007 to 29 January 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy near An Najaf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In conducting what would become the largest sustained battle fought by United States Army attack helicopters, the unit valiantly engaged an enemy force stationed 110 miles away from its home airfield, out of range of normal communications, and with scant assistance from additional combat enablers. Facing a determined enemy force of unknown size and disposition, the unit assembled and executed a coordinated and decisive battle plan consisting of a difficult, multi-phased, 19 hour continuous attack. The unit's superior mission execution, unparalleled courage, and unflagging determination ensured the enemy's destruction and decimated its will to continue fighting. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit; the Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division; and the United States Army.

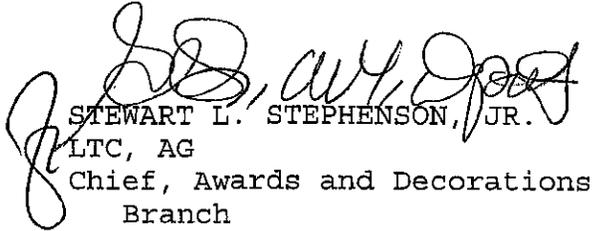
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The

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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, and the completed streamers will be distributed by the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.  
LTC, AG  
Chief, Awards and Decorations  
Branch