



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE  
FORT KNOX, KY 40121-5743

PERMANENT ORDERS 018-06

18 January 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Special Troops  
Battalion

Company A, 173d Special Troops Battalion

Company B, 173d Special Troops Battalion

Company C, 173d Special Troops Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 20 May 2007 to 24 January 2008

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious performance. During the period 20 May 2007 to 24 January 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Special Troops Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit conducted vital counterinsurgency operations in order to disrupt insurgent forces and created a stable environment in the Nangarhar Province. The unit's efforts directly contributed to the development and training of an effective security force and resulted in a more sustainable socioeconomic system. The dedication and outstanding performance of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Special Troops Battalion and its subordinate units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Combined Joint Task Force-101 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

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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:

*for* *AM Lawrence, Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch*  
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