



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 181-11

30 June 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502d
Infantry Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment
Company B, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment
Company D, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment
Company E, 526th Support Battalion
Detachment, 431st Civil Affairs Battalion
Detachment, 723d Ordnance Company
Detachment, 319th Military Intelligence Battalion
(5 September 2010 to 10 November 2010)
Detachment, Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 2d Brigade
Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (5 September 2010 to
31 October 2010)
Detachment, Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade
Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (5 September 2010 to
31 October 2010)
807th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron
(1 September 2010 to 10 November 2010)
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18/40 (5 September 2010 to
10 November 2010)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 1 September 2010 to 10 November 2010

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 1 September 2010 to 10 November 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units exhibited an outstanding degree of gallantry, determination and esprit de corps in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while engaged in military operations in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. While conducting combat operations in the Zhari District, Kandahar Province, the Soldiers gallantly and aggressively conducted numerous clearance operations to dislodge a determined and prepared enemy force. While under the constant threat of improvised explosive device attacks and often under heavy enemy fire, the unit repeatedly and successfully assaulted the enemy's prepared defensive positions. With disregard for their safety, Talon Soldiers responded rapidly to the ever-changing tactical situation, always capturing the initiative, pressing the fight and exploiting success. The unit viciously but judiciously attacked the enemy, allowing Coalition Forces to clear and hold

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territory that the enemy had controlled for the past nine years. Working tirelessly throughout the period, the Soldiers completed their mission and devastated enemy strongholds in Zhari. The unit's valorous efforts and dedication to mission accomplishment dealt a severe blow to the enemy forces in Regional Command-South and significantly contributed to the Global War on Terrorism in Afghanistan. The extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty displayed by the members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the Strike Brigade, the 101st Airborne Division and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

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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.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

for Roger D. Blackman, CW2, Asst Dep Chief

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