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FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 011-17

11 January 2012

Headquarters and Support Company, 640th Support Battalion  
A Company, 640th Support Battalion  
B Company, 640th Support Battalion  
C Company, 640th Support Battalion  
Detachment, 1204th Support Battalion (19 February 2011 to 6 October 2011)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 19 February 2011 to 4 November 2011

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 19 February 2011 to 4 November 2011, Headquarters and Support Company, 640th Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of the Global War on Terrorism during Operation New Dawn. The unit demonstrated an intelligent use of its resources to maximize aviation support throughout the Iraq Joint Operations Area while in support of a Combat Aviation Brigade and a Theater Aviation Brigade that covered all the aerial space for the country of Iraq. The unit conducted on-time, on-target, precise and safe air movement support operations in direct support to the United States Forces-Iraq Commanding General, his deputies and the United States Ambassador to Iraq; and provided intermediate aviation maintenance to all aviation units in the Iraq Joint Operations Area. The support provided by the unit greatly assisted to eradicate Al Qaeda and other insurgent groups, playing a crucial role in bringing stability and legitimacy to the Government of Iraq and security to Iraqi Citizens. The unit safely executed these aviation operations with the greatest professionalism. The actions of Headquarters and Support Company, 640th Support Battalion and its subordinate units are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade, the United States Forces-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.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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