



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

PERMANENT ORDER 255-23

12 September 2013

344th Combat Support Hospital

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 9 June 2005 to 31 May 2006

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 9 June 2005 to 31 May 2006, the 344th Combat Support Hospital distinguished itself by providing extraordinary medical support to Multi-National Forces – Iraq in the field of detainee operations. The unit provided command and control to two geographically separated Theater Internment Facility hospitals in addition to providing medical support to detainees, United States Forces and Coalition Forces throughout the Iraqi Theater of Operations. The unit has displayed professionalism and dedication to the mission that has been an immeasurable aid to the war effort throughout the course of its deployment. The remarkable courage, skill, dedication to duty and benchmarking performance exhibited by the 344th Combat Support Hospital while executing a mission unlike any other taken on by an Army Reserve medical unit are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army.

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