



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDER 054-18

23 February 2012

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment
Company B, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment
Company D, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment
Company F, 201st Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 29 December 2010 to 29 December 2011

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

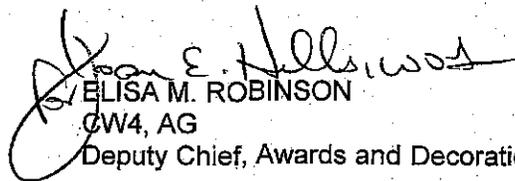
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 29 December 2010 to 29 December 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptional meritorious conduct in performance of duty leading International Security Assistance Forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Assigned as Task Force Spader, the unit demonstrated a commitment and dedication well above the call of duty. The unit's willingness to aggressively take the fight to the enemy led to a measurable reduction in enemy activity in the area. In addition, its focus on supporting and mentoring its Afghan National Security Forces partners improved security and development and created infrastructure that will provide sustainment and improvement in Khost Province. The dedication and outstanding performance of 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units upholds the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon Task Force Spader, the 3d Brigade Combat Team (Duke), the 1st Infantry 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 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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Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 23 February 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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