



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-6408

PERMANENT ORDER 136-20

15 May 2012

97th Civil Affairs Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 1 July 2009 to 31 December 2010

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 July 2009 to 31 December 2010, the 97th Civil Affairs Battalion displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of the Global War on Terrorism and counterinsurgency missions in Asia. The unit's impressive operational support spanned missions across the Afghanistan and the Pacific Command Area of Responsibility to include the Philippines, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh and Indonesia. The unit accomplished critical civil affairs missions in support of national security objectives. The 97th Civil Affairs Battalion's outstanding efforts are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade, the United States Army Special Operations Command 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. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

PERMANENT ORDER 136-20, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600
Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 15 May 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elisa M. Robinson', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

ELISA M. ROBINSON
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