



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

PERMANENT ORDER 171-03

19 June 2012

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 23 February 2011 to 17 February 2012

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 23 February 2011 to 17 February 2012, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division displayed extraordinary actions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During combat operations throughout Regional Command-South, Regional Command-Southwest and Regional Command-East in the Afghan provinces of Kandahar, Helmand, Uruzgan and Zabul, members of the unit provided critical air and ground mission execution during the aggressive defeat, interdiction and disruption of insurgent forces. The unit's actions directly resulted in providing freedom of movement to host-nation and friendly forces, which ultimately protected the Afghan population. The extraordinary effort and untiring determination of the members of the unit fractured the insurgent influence within three regional commands and significantly contributed to the continued success of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The initiative, dedication and personal courage displayed by the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit on the unit 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.

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Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 19 June 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 horizontal line extending to the right.

ELISA M. ROBINSON  
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