



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

PERMANENT ORDER 224-22

12 August 2013

178th Engineer Battalion
72d Engineer Company (7 October 2012 to 1 May 2013)
258th Engineer Company (6 September 2012 to 8 May 2013)
573d Engineer Company (5 September 2012 to 31 March 2013)
624th Engineer Company (5 September 2012 to 6 April 2013)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 5 September 2012 to 8 May 2013

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 5 September 2012 to 8 May 2013, the 178th Engineer Battalion and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Soldiers of the 178th Engineer Battalion and the cited units provided dynamic and fluid management of large deconstruction projects, provided transportation of mission essential route clearance equipment upgrades, allowed freedom of maneuver for detecting as well as eliminating improvised explosive devices and providing clearance of routes critical for retrograde operations. The units completed large deconstruction projects shortly after arriving in theater, as well as route improvements to support freedom of maneuver operations. The 178th Engineer Battalion and the cited units assisted in the training of three Afghan National Army Engineer Companies helping them to achieve independent operations with little help from coalition forces. The units' contributions bring great credit to Task Force Prowler, the 555th Engineer Brigade, Joint Task Force Triple Nickel, United States Forces Afghanistan 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

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AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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