



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

PERMANENT ORDER 260-08

17 September 2013

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 372d Engineer Brigade

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 17 November 2009 to 11 September 2010

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 17 November 2009 to 11 September 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 372d Engineer Brigade executed over 2,500 route clearance package missions, resulting in 880 improvised explosive device and unexploded ordnance finds, while clearing over 200,000 kilometers of roads. They also completed over 400 construction projects on more than 40 forward operating bases and combat outposts throughout eastern and northern Afghanistan. They specifically helped to develop Forward Operating Base Sharana from a small track of land measuring over 700 acres and 2,400 personnel, to a fully-functional logistical operation base with over 4,000 acres, 9,000 personnel and 60 rotary and fixed wing aircraft. It is the largest land mass base in Afghanistan and one of the largest in personnel and functional capability, being only surpassed by Bagram Airfield and Kandahar Airfield. The unit managed construction projects that totaled over 200 million dollars across 13 Afghan provinces, including the development of a future all-weather C-17 airstrip on Forward Operating Base Sharana and Forward Operating Base Shank. The Brigade Command and Control element started at two battalions with more than 1,800 Soldiers and gradually increased during its tour to five Army Battalions, two Air Force Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force Squadrons and a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion with a total headcount of over 4,500 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilians. The unit's efforts on at least five enduring Forward Operating Bases throughout Regional Command-East enabled the timely deployment of over 10,000 Soldiers from Force Package Three. Additionally, the unit partnered with the Afghan National Army to train their military engineers, thereby directly supporting counterinsurgency priorities and empowering the Afghan people to help win the fight for Afghanistan. The actions and work of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 372d Engineer Brigade reflects great credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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