



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

PERMANENT ORDER 261-11

18 September 2013

Special Operations Detachment, Airborne

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 1 October 2012 to 18 June 2013

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 October 2012 to 18 June 2013, the Special Operations Detachment, Airborne displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above units with similar missions. The dedication and outstanding performance of Special Operations Detachment, Airborne is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon themselves, the Maryland Army National Guard, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Training Mission - Afghanistan, 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.

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