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52nd Chief of Engineers presents Meritorious Unit Commendation to Afghanistan Engineer District

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Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, presents Colonel Thomas E. O'Donovan, Afghanistan Engineer District Commander, with a Meritorious Unit Commendation for the Afghanistan Engineer District's accomplishments from 1 March 2004 to 28 February 2006.

Kabul, Afghanistan—Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commanding General, presented a Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Afghanistan Engineer District (AED) during a late July visit to Afghanistan. The award was for meritorious service from 1 March 2004 to 28 February 2006.

According to AED Command Sgt. Maj. Gary Winkleblack, military personnel assigned to AED during that time period are authorized to permanently wear the MUC ribbon on their uniforms. Those currently assigned to AED, who were not attached to the unit from 1 March 2004 through 28 February 2006 are only authorized to wear the MUC ribbon as long as they are attached to AED.

The Meritorious Unit Commendation read as follows: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 March 2004 to 28 February 2006, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan Engineer District displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit provided engineering services to the Afghan National Army, the national police, and various other ministries throughout Afghanistan. The unit also provided mentorship to the heads of various ministries in Central Asian States region, which assisted the district in its overall success. Additionally, the unit also drastically increased the building capability of United States forces living and working in the area, supporting airport expansion at Bagram, Salerno, and Kandahar. United States Army Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan Engineer District's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit and the United States. For more information, or to find out if you qualify to wear the Meritorious Unit Commendation, please contact AED S1 at: (540) 678-2740 or email at aed.S1.Personnel@usace.army.mil