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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

AAMH-FPO (600-8-22)

1 March 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Commander, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command,
Clothing and Heraldry Product Support Integration Directorate, 700 Robbins Avenue,
P.O. Box 57997, Philadelphia, PA 19111-7997

Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch, U.S. Army Human Resources Command,
ATTN: AHRC-PDP-A, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122

SUBJECT: Meritorious Unit Commendation [2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment]

1. Reference U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) Permanent Order 027-04, dated 27 January 2011 [received 28 February 2011].

2. The U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH) has received information provided by the HRC regarding the unit(s) intended for recognition in this decoration for the period **31 December 2009 to 18 November 2010**. Based on HRC's authorizations, and whenever feasible, CMH is providing official designations for recognized unit(s); and, per its responsibilities under ARs 600-8-22 and 840-10, verifying entitlement to an appropriately inscribed decoration streamer as indicated below. Also indicated is the correct streamer size (if authorized), and authorization for a streamer to be issued with an earned-honor device (i.e., a laurel wreath) which applies only to certain combat arms units. In those cases where the unit designation provided by HRC cannot be verified as belonging to any unit currently listed on the official rolls of the Army (which are maintained by CMH under ARs 870-5 and 220-5), no further action will be taken by CMH and no streamer will be authorized at this time (see final paragraph). The same is true if official authorization for an organizational flag or guidon is unknown. If appropriate, the table below also indicates any unit entitled to a decoration streamer, but which is currently inactive and unavailable to receive a streamer.

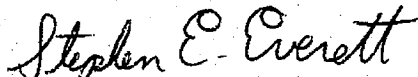
PO Designation	Official Designation	Current Status	Streamer	Inscription
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment	Same	Active	Flag [w E-HD]	AFGHANISTAN 2009-2010
Company A, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment	Same	Active	n/a	n/a
Company B, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment	Same	Active	n/a	n/a
Company C, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment	Same	Active	n/a	n/a
Company D, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment	Same	Active	n/a	n/a
Company F, 173d Support Battalion	Same	Active	Guidon	AFGHANISTAN DEC 2009 -- NOV 2010

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3. **As indicated above**, TACOM is authorized to provide appropriately embroidered decoration streamer(s) to HRC's Awards and Decorations Branch who will make distribution to each authorized unit. Streamer authorization is based solely upon unit recognition information provided by HRC. Therefore, issuance of a streamer at this time does not necessarily confer permanent unit entitlement. Final determination regarding entitlement to display the streamer remains with CMH who will determine each unit's lineage and honors (for MTOE organizations). As with similar War on Terrorism decorations, organic guidon-bearing elements recognized with their battalion (or squadron) headquarters are not authorized to display the honor separately from the battalion's colors. Recognizing the operational conventions of the Army Modular Force designs, however, comparable unit awards earned *separately* by a battalion's organic companies will not pass to the parent battalion's colors or duplicate its honors. In addition, any approved or pending award independently earned by another of the battalion's organic guidon-bearing elements will not be considered a duplication of a battalion (or company) honor and may be displayed on the appropriate company guidon. Where appropriate, these cases are indicated by including months in the streamer inscriptions for the organic guidon-bearing element which has been recognized separately from its parent organization. Furthermore, because there have been significant problems with much of the source material (particularly period of service dates), this memorandum should not be used to officially confirm whether or not a unit participated in any particular action or deployment. Period of service dates have been provided by HRC, and CMH assumes that any recognized dates not reflecting "periods of service pre-dating the submission of the award nomination" or recognition duplicating other unit awards were approved as an exception to policy. Deployment and mobilization dates (correct or otherwise) which may conflict with regulatory guidance for this decoration will also be considered as an exception to policy. HRC, however, may later alter the recognized period of service dates to meet regulatory criteria. Any questions regarding this award, such as adding other units to the list above, should be addressed to HRC's Awards and Decorations Branch [hrc.tagd.awards@conus.army.mil].

4. This memo (or subsequent communication from this office) constitutes the only authorized verification of entitlement for this award's decoration streamers. Organizations with questions regarding issues specific to this memo may contact the POC for this action through CMH-Awards@conus.army.mil.



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PERMANENT ORDERS 027-04

27 January 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 503d
Infantry Regiment
Company A, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment
Company B, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment
Company C, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment
Company D, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment
Company F, 173d Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 31 December 2009 to 18 November 2010

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 31 December 2009 to 18 November 2010, the 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment assigned to Task Force Rock displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, executing population-centric counterinsurgency operations that included development and partnership with Afghan National Security Forces, neutralization of insurgent forces and transition of security operations to Afghan National Security Forces. The unwavering commitment of Task Force Rock, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units increased the safety, security and democracy in Eastern Kunar and Northern Wardak Provinces. Task Force Rock's dedication to duty and steadfast commitment to the mission are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the unit, the 101st Airborne Division and the United States Army.

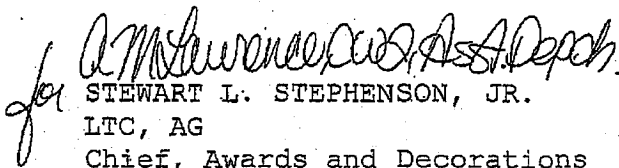
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is 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

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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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

for 
STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.
LTC, AG
Chief, Awards and Decorations
Branch

DISTRIBUTION:

Commander, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Unit 31401, Box
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CMH, 103 Third Ave., Fort McNair, DC 20319 (1)

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