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REPLY TO  
 ATTENTION OF

AAMH-FPO (600-8-22)

10 February 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 [HQ, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team]**

1. Reference U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) Permanent Order 024-11, dated 24 January 2011 [received 01 February 2011].
2. Some streamer authorizations have resumed under the current system implemented for expediting the wartime unit awards process. 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 **1 December 2009 to 10 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.

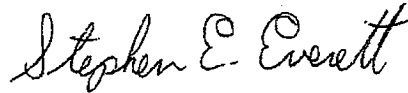
<b>PO Designation</b>	<b>Official Designation</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Streamer</b>	<b>Inscription</b>
Headquarters, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team	Same	Active	Flag	AFGHANISTAN 2009-2010

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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). 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](mailto:hrc.tagd.awards@conus.army.mil)].

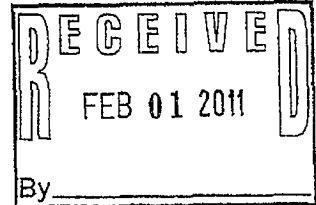
4. This memo (or subsequent communication from this office) constitutes the only authorized verification of entitlement for this award's decoration streamers. Organizations with questions regarding issues specific to this memo may contact the POC for this action through [CMH-Awards@conus.army.mil](mailto:CMH-Awards@conus.army.mil).



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PERMANENT ORDERS 024-11

24 January 2011

Headquarters, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 1 December 2009 to 10 November 2010

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 December 2009 to 10 November 2010, the Headquarters, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team displayed exceptionally meritorious service as the command and support element of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Bayonet in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit's command presence, direct support, expertise and dedication to the success of Sky Soldiers were paramount in the Brigade's mission accomplishments throughout the Logar and Wardak Provinces of Afghanistan. Headquarters, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team's actions reflect great credit upon the unit, the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Combined Joint Task Force-101 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.

PERMANENT ORDERS 024-11, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600  
Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121 24 January 2011

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*for* *AM Lawrence, CW2, Asst Dir*  
STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.  
LTC, AG  
Chief, Awards and Decorations  
Branch

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