



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDER 219-11

6 August 2012

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment
Company B, 1st Battalion, 77th Armored Regiment
Company B, 9th Engineer Battalion
Company C, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment (30 November 2006 to 21 December 2006)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Presidential Unit Citation

Period of service: 5 November 2006 to 14 May 2007

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-13

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 5 November 2006 to 14 May 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment and the cited units displayed conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while conducting combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Soldiers of these units displayed gallantry, determination and esprit de corps in the face of a determined enemy in the Adhamiyah District of Baghdad, Iraq despite enormous personal sacrifice. The units arrived from Germany in early August 2006 and without benefit of Relief-In-Place, started conducting combat patrols in less than four weeks from notification of their deployment. The units organized into a combined arms force in order to accomplish the mission. They faced daily attacks in the form of traditional and deep buried improvised explosive devices, explosively formed penetrators, indirect fire, snipers, small-arms fire and hand grenades. Despite the incredibly complex and dangerous environment, the Soldiers were awarded 51 medals for valor for actions while closing with and destroying the enemy. The Soldiers of these units accomplished their mission of reducing sectarian violence in Adhamiyah by lowering the murder rate from eight daily to less than two a week. The units facilitated the destruction or disruption of an additional fifteen Al Qaeda In Iraq group cells, detained 136 insurgents including four division high-value targets and 17 brigade high-value targets, reduced 29 caches, cleared 37,800 kilometers of road and conducted more than 1,700 patrols to establish security in Adhamiyah. The units established joint security stations, built the Adhamiyah safe neighborhood and initiated several million dollars in projects. The actions of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment and the cited units are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit 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. 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. A. Ries", written in a cursive style.

MICHAEL A. RIES
LTC, LG
Assistant Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch

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