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1st Indiana Battalion, United States Veteran Reserve Corps, Receives Meritorious Unit Service Commendation and Other Awards

Lafayette, IN – It was an award filled day for the soldiers of 1st Indiana Battalion, United States Veteran Reserve Corps, but the biggest celebration came when Major General James Coleman, Commanding General, and Brigadier General Raymond Copp, Deputy Commander, presented the Battalion with the Meritorious Unit Service Award.

The award was presented for “outstanding unit organization, training, personnel involvement and mission readiness.”

With only eight months under their belt, from when they stood up, 1st Battalion has been full-steam ahead and quickly developed itself as a respectful asset to government agencies during emergency response situations.

“The 1st Indiana Battalion is a good example of how we want our units to operate,” Major General Coleman said. “Their professionalism and organization is certainly impressive.”

In addition to the Meritorious Unit Service Award, the Generals also commissioned a new Second Lieutenant, awarded a soldier with the Community Service Ribbon, three Basic Officer Awards for completion of Warrant Officer or Officer Training, the VRC Commendation Ribbon, and the VRC Spartan Award; which is presented to an individual soldier who makes significant contributions to the U.S. VRC.

The United States Veteran Reserve Corps. is a team of volunteer soldiers, both veterans and nonveterans from Illinois and Indiana, operating as a Community Emergency Response Team. They are trained through the State Guard Association of the United States and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to respond to natural disasters and other emergency events.

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