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U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
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PERMANENT ORDERS 174-15

23 June 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 3d Armored  
Cavalry Regiment

Troop N, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
Troop O, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
Troop P, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
Troop S, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
Troop T, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
Troop Q, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
Troop R, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 23 March 2008 to 5 June 2008

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14

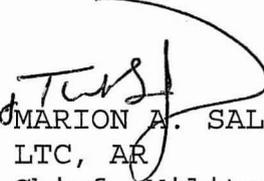
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 23 March 2008 to 5 June 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in and around Baghdad. The unit displayed remarkable valor and unparalleled selfless service in supporting Coalition Forces as they engaged a motivated and well-equipped enemy during the battle for Sadr City. The squadron made significant contributions in destroying enemy resistance, protecting and bolstering the confidence of friendly forces, preserving vital infrastructure, and promoting peace and stability for the citizens of Iraq. In doing so, the unit flew a combined total of over 3,800 flight hours, utilizing both UH-64D and UH-60L model helicopters, more than any previous battalion-sized combat aviation unit in history. The unprecedented operations tempo and incredible daily risk from surface to air fire exemplifies the squadron's bravery and discipline. Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Multi-National Force-Iraq, 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, and the completed streamers will be distributed by the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
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