209th Public Affairs Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 24 October 2004 to 15 October 2005
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 24 October 2004 to 15 October 2005, the 209th Public Affairs Detachment’s exceptional devotion to duty resulted in unparalleled communication and information services to both coalition forces and the world. The unit served as a critical media asset for the Strategic Effects Communications Division, Multi-National Force-Iraq in telling the story of the coalition’s progress to the American public. They produced and aired 250 editions of “Freedom Journal Iraq,” produced over 1100 news products, maintained 112 hours of live radio per week, and supported over 200 press conferences during a key period in Iraq’s transition to a new democracy. The unit exemplified excellence through its dedication, positive attitude, and ability to accomplish the mission at any time and any place. The 209th Public Affairs Detachment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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