Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment
Company B, 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment
Company D, 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment
Company E, 307th Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 4 January 2007 to 16 March 2008
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 4 January 2007 to 16 March 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in and around Baghdad, Iraq. The unit assumed control of Area of Operation Red Devil during the peak of sectarian violence and immediately implemented measures to strengthen security in the area. Additionally, the unit conducted over 50 combined combat operations with Iraqi security forces; these operations led to the capture of several high value members of Al Qaeda in Iraq. The unit’s efforts denied a safe haven to insurgents, achieved early reconciliation between Sunni and Shi’a in the Al Fadel neighborhood, and resulted in the establishment of numerous concerned local citizen organizations, thus bringing stability to the battle area. Further, the unit led Multi-National Division-Baghdad in the distribution of over 10 million dollars to emergency response, economic stimulus, and relief programs. The unit’s professionalism, dedication, diligence, and perseverance were instrumental in ensuring a secure and stable future for Iraq. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 82d Airborne Division, and the United States Army.

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