Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 29 December 2007 to 5 January 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 29 December 2007 to 5 January 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 30th 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 the area of Baghdad, Iraq. The unit demonstrated the ability to innovate and accomplish the mission beyond the call of duty. The battalion provided Soldiers with command and control capability whenever and wherever needed and enabled decisive victory. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 4th Brigade Combat Team, the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), and the United States Army.
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 HRC.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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