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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regiment (23 December 2004 to 1 November 2005)
Company A, 2d Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regiment
   (23 December 2004 to 1 November 2005)
Company B, 2d Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regiment
   (23 December 2004 to 1 November 2005)
Troop E, 163d Cavalry Regiment (23 December 2004 to 1 November 2005)
Assault and Obstacle Platoon, Company C, 116th Engineer Battalion (15 February 2005 to 1 November 2005)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: As listed above
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 23 December 2004 to 1 November 2005, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed outstanding meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit promoted security and stability around Kirkuk, Iraq. Through daily interaction with political, civic, and religious leaders the unit worked to develop awareness of the community’s concerns while working to create trust between Iraqi and U.S. forces to contribute to stability in their area of operations. The unit distinguished itself in the conduct of full spectrum joint, interagency, counter-insurgency, and coalition combat operations by defeating anti-Iraqi forces, helping to build professional and competent Iraqi security forces, creating viable public institutions and utilities, and improving the quality of life for the Iraqi people. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 116th Cavalry Regiment’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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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:

[Signature]

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Chief, Military Awards Branch