Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 11 September 2007 to 25 November 2008
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 11 September 2007 to 25 November 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy during combat operations in Diyala Province, Iraq. The unit demonstrated superior skill, courage and professionalism while accomplishing dangerous missions against a determined enemy. The unit’s fearlessness and tenacity played major roles in advancing the ground commander’s objectives throughout Multi-National Division-North. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, the 1st Armored Division, 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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