PERMANENT ORDERS 128-40

8 May 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment
Company A, 40th Engineer Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 21 May 2008 to 3 May 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 21 May 2008 to 3 May 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit’s extraordinary heroism against a determined enemy during the fight for Sadr City directly contributed to the rapid defeat of Jaysh Al Madi and Special Groups forces and ended their influence in the international zone and the government of Iraq. Additionally, the unit soundly defeated the enemy in daily engagements while building relationships with the civilian population, bolstering local businesses, developing Iraqi Security Forces, and establishing rapport with the local leaders to ensure future cooperation. The unit had an immediate impact upon arrival and continued to exert their positive influence throughout their deployment. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 6th 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 1st Armored Division, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, 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