Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 30 November 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 30 November 2007 to 5 January 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, in and around the Al Rusafa District of Baghdad. The unit's ability to successfully implement and execute the fundamentals of counter insurgency operations, both kinetic and non-kinetic, allowed the squadron to defeat extremists and create a safe and stable environment for the residents of the district. Additionally, the unit continually exhibited professionalism and valor, as well as the ability to innovate and accomplish the mission beyond the call of duty. Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, 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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