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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment (5 September 2007 to 21 November 2008)
Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment (5 September 2007 to 21 November 2008)
Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment (9 September 2008 to 21 November 2008)
Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment (5 September 2007 to 21 November 2008)
Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment (5 September 2007 to 21 November 2008)
Company E, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment (5 September 2007 to 21 November 2008)
Troop C, 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment (5 September 2007 to 21 August 2008)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: As listed above
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: During the period 5 September 2007 to 21 November 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The battalion operated in northern Iraq in the Diyala, Salah ad Din, and Ninewah provinces. The unit’s absolute mission focus, total team concept, and dedication to safety set the standard for professional excellence in attack aviation and contributed greatly to the success of coalition and Iraqi forces. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 1st Infantry Division, 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:

MARION A. SALTERS
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Chief, Military Awards Branch