Headquarters and Support Company, 449th Support Battalion
Company A, 449th Support Battalion
Company B, 449th Support Battalion
Company C, 449th Support Battalion
Detachment, Company G, 137th Aviation Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 8 September 2006 to 21 July 2007
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 8 September 2006 to 21 July 2007, Headquarters and Support Company, 449th Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit was the first Army National Guard aviation support battalion to transform under the Army’s new modularity concept. Once deployed, the unit provided exceptional maintenance for the brigade’s 130 helicopters and supported over 80,000 combat flight hours. In addition, the unit delivered more than 1.2 million liters of water, pumped more than 2.5 million gallons of fuel, expedited the delivery of more than 900 high priority aircraft parts, pulled security for forward operating bases, provided state of the art communications, and issued class IX air parts from the largest supply support activity in theater. The unit’s outstanding dedication to duty, excellent aviation maintenance and can-do attitude allowed the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade to project combat power throughout Iraq and contributed immeasurably to the brigade’s overwhelming success. Headquarters and Support Company, 449th Support Battalion’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, 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 the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

[Signature]
MARION A. SALTERS
LTC, AR
Chief, Military Awards Branch