Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 20 March 2003 to 2 May 2003
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 20 March 2003 to 2 May 2003, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, V Corps Artillery displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As one of only two dedicated artillery units in Iraq upon the initiation of combat operations, the unit operated in numerous areas throughout Iraq’s vast and diverse landscape to include: An Nasiriyah, As Samawah, Karbala, Baghdad, and Tikrit. The unit was also directly responsible for planning and executing crucial indirect fire missions which enabled the destruction of the Iraqi Army’s Medina and Hammurabi Divisions. Further, the unit successfully integrated all joint and combined fire support assets leading to the destruction of the Iraqi armed forces and the collapse of Saddam Hussein’s regime. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, V Corps Artillery’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit 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 the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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