Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 15 June 2008 to 15 June 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 15 June 2008 to 15 June 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit provided outstanding air weapons team support to numerous brigade combat teams throughout both Multi-National Division Baghdad’s and Multi-National Division Center’s areas of operation. The battalion’s actions directly contributed to a safer and more secure environment throughout Iraq, allowing coalition forces to transition to tactical overwatch while Iraqi security forces took the lead. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation 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 Division-Center, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, 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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