Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 7 May 2007 to 7 August 2008
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 7 May 2007 to 7 August 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in and around Baghdad. The unit participated in a number of operations that resulted in the destruction of countless anti-Iraqi forces. In doing so, the unit’s dedication to the mission went beyond the call of duty and contributed greatly to the success of the 3d Combat Aviation Brigade. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Aviation Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 3d 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 the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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