Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 25 February 2007 to 27 April 2008
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 25 February 2007 to 27 April 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Ghazni and Wardak Provinces. The unit showed unprecedented skill and flexibility in prosecuting simultaneous counter-insurgency and nation building operations to defeat the enemy and stabilize and legitimize the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. In doing so, the unit also modeled, trained, and increasingly utilized Afghan National Security Forces, resulting in palpable growth, pride, and independence. The unit’s bravery, competency, and courage under fire also demonstrably improved governance, security, and development within its area of operations. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 4th Brigade Combat Team, the 82d Airborne Division, 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
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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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