Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Period of service: 12 June 2008 to 28 May 2009  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15  
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 12 June 2008 to 28 May 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Battalion, 82d Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit’s professionalism and dedication resulted in successful security operations and practices at Joint Base Balad, counterinsurgency operations in the Maysan Province, and continued development of Iraqi army and police forces. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Battalion, 82d Field Artillery Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division-South, 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. The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army.

Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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