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Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 421st Medical Battalion
165th Medical Detachment (18 November 2008 to 12 October 2009)
166th Medical Detachment (7 November 2008 to 12 October 2009)
176th Medical Detachment (16 October 2008 to 10 July 2009)
207th Medical Detachment (1 June 2008 to 7 August 2009)
215th Medical Company (16 October 2008 to 12 August 2009)
256th Medical Company (16 October 2008 to 15 August 2009)
360th Medical Detachment (1 January 2009 to 30 July 2009)
464th Medical Company (16 October 2008 to 17 July 2009)
507th Medical Detachment (16 October 2008 to 25 September 2009)
520th Medical Company (16 October 2008 to 30 September 2009)
601st Medical Company (10 November 2008 to 12 October 2009)
690th Medical Company (3 January 2009 to 12 October 2009)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: As listed above
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 16 October 2008 to 12 October 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 421st Medical Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The battalion’s superior performance in delivering health services across 23 dispersed operating bases contributed immeasurably to the mission success of Task Force 44th Medical Command and Task Force 1st Medical Brigade. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 421st Medical Battalion’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, 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:

[Signature]
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