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 26 August 2007 to 10 November 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 261st Medical Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit distinguished itself as the first fully-staffed multi-functional medical battalion to deploy into Iraq. Additionally, the unit’s superior performance in delivering health service support across thirty-five dispersed forward operating bases contributed immeasurably to the mission success of Task Force 62d Medical Brigade and established a model of excellence for all like units to follow. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 261st 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, and the completed streamers will be distributed by the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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