PERMANENT ORDERS 020-10 20 January 2010

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team
Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team
Company B, Special Troops Battalion, 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 November 2008 to 25 July 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 November 2008 to 25 July 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit's dedication to mission execution and commitment to excellence set the standard for force protection and base defense operations for all successive units to emulate. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team'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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Chief, Military Awards Branch