Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 56th Medical Battalion  
(1 November 2007 to 12 January 2009)  
551st Medical Company (1 November 2007 to 12 January 2009)  
591st Medical Company (1 November 2007 to 12 January 2009)  
785th Medical Company (1 November 2007 to 25 May 2008)  
43d Medical Detachment (1 December 2007 to 8 January 2009)  
71st Medical Detachment (1 November 2007 to 8 November 2008)  
98th Medical Detachment (1 May 2008 to 12 January 2009)  
155th Medical Detachment (28 November 2007 to 12 January 2009)  
345th Medical Detachment (1 November 2007 to 7 June 2008)  
528th Medical Detachment (21 March 2008 to 12 January 2009)  
926th Medical Detachment (1 November 2007 to 30 September 2008)  
1848th Medical Detachment (23 June 2008 to 12 January 2009)  
Detachment, 153d Medical Detachment (1 November 2007 to 12 January 2009)  
Detachment, 1835th Medical Detachment (2 May 2008 to 12 January 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  
1 November 2007 to 12 January 2009, Headquarters and  
Headquarters Detachment, 56th Medical Battalion and its  
subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in  
support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit distinguished  
itself by providing world-class medical logistics support,  
preventative medicine, combat stress control, veterinary service  
support, and blood support across 34 dispersed forward operating  
bases. In doing so, the unit contributed immeasurably to the  
mission successes of Task Force 44th Medical Command and Task  
Force 62d Medical Brigade. Headquarters and Headquarters  
Detachment, 56th 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]

STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.
LTC, AG
Chief, Military Awards Branch