PERMANENT ORDERS 048-10

17 February 2010

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment
Troop A, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment
Troop B, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment (6 March 2007 to 15 October 2007)
Troop C, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment
Company D, 215th Support Battalion
Company B, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion (6 March 2007 to 15 October 2007)
Company C (Provisional), 431st Civil Affairs Battalion
(6 March 2007 to 15 October 2007)
Battery A, 2d Battalion, 4th Field Artillery Regiment
Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division
293d Military Police Company
725th Ordnance Company (6 March 2007 to 7 August 2007)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment and the cited units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in and around Diyala Province. The unit pursued an aggressive counterinsurgency campaign geared towards securing and providing services to the town of Muqdadiah and surrounding locales. In doing so, the unit took the fight to the enemy on its own ground by establishing a permanent combat outpost in Shakarat, the most volatile village in the area. This in turn prevented anti-Iraqi forces from entering Muqdadiah via its "Bread Basket". From its patrol base, the unit conducted aggressive, near continuous combat operations against the insurgency. Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment and the cited units skillfully engaged the enemy in urban areas, conducting house-clearing operations while enduring indirect fire attacks, hidden and vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, suicide vests, rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire. Undeterred, the units inflicted heavy casualties on the numerically superior enemy forces and compiled an enviable combat record. Additionally, the units successfully trained Iraqi Security Forces and enabled them to successfully defend their cities from future threats. Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment and the cited units' outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the units 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. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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