Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment  
Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment  
Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment  
Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment  
Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment  
Company E, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment  
Company F, 15th Support Battalion  

Announcement is made of the following award:  

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Period of service: 12 January 2009 to 19 December 2009  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15  
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 12 January 2009 to 19 December 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The battalion's outstanding dedication and superb operational performance within the complex counter-insurgency environment of Kirkuk Province contributed greatly to the overwhelming success of the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 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:

STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.

LTC, AG
Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch