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 9 August 2007 to 29 May 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Engineer Brigade and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit’s unwavering commitment to sustained counter-insurgency operations included development and partnership with Iraqi security forces, neutralization of insurgent forces, and transition of security operations to Iraqi security forces’ control. Additionally, the unit’s actions increased the safety and security in the Salah ad Din and Nineveh provinces. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Engineer Brigade’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 1st Armored Division, 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:

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