Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 27 August 2008 to 17 August 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 27 August 2008 to 17 August 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 51st Signal Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The battalion displayed extraordinary perseverance and professionalism while providing communications support to Multi-National Corps and Multi-National Force-Iraq. The unit successfully planned, installed, operated, and maintained the most geographically dispersed and complex strategic communications network ever installed within the country. In doing so, the battalion immeasurably contributed to U.S. and Coalition Forces' mission of stabilizing, reconstructing, and commercializing the region. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 51st Signal Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit and the United States Army.

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
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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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