Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division
Special Troops Battalion, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division
3d Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment
204th Support Battalion (Less Company F)
1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry Regiment
2d Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 7 September 2008 to 6 September 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 7 September 2008 to 6 September 2009, Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit conducted full spectrum operations in the Diwaniyah and Najaf provinces, ensured the conduct of fair and free provincial elections, managed over 100 civic action projects and trained Iraqi security forces to be a highly skilled and professional organization. In doing so the brigade combat team demonstrated professionalism and dedication to the mission in a manner above and beyond the call of duty and contributed greatly to the success of Multi-National Division-Central and South. Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division’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.

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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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