Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 3d Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Provisional) 
Battery A, 3d Battalion, 3d Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Provisional) 
Battery E, 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Provisional) 
Battery E, 5th Battalion, 52d Air Defense Artillery Regiment 

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation 
Period of service: 8 March 2009 to 18 February 2010 
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15 
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 8 March 2009 to 18 February 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 3d Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Provisional) and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The battalion was responsible for providing multiple indirect fire intercepts and over 175 successful early warnings to Coalition Forces throughout the theater, saving countless lives from indirect fire attacks. The outstanding performance of duty exhibited by Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 3d Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Provisional) is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Multi-National Force-Iraq, 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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