Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Presidential Unit Citation
Period of service: 12 November 2006 to 14 January 2007
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-13
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 12 November 2006 to 14 January 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 73d Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in and around Turki Village, Diyala Province, Iraq, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this period, the unit successfully built a capable and effective Iraqi Security Force which prevented enemy personnel and materiel from crossing through Iran into Iraq, denied safe haven to insurgents and provided a peaceful and secure environment for the Iraqi people. In addition, the unit conducted countless combat patrols and launched Operation Turki Bowl, an extremely successful offensive campaign which crushed the will of a Wahabist insurgent group known as “The Council.” The Council had enacted a violent guerilla campaign against the Iraqi Security Forces and local Iraqi civilian population, greatly threatening regional stability. However, the unit fearlessly met the threat head-on, conducting 14 squadron and troop-level operations over a 3-month period which set the stage for a classic linear battle in which over 250 Al Qaeda operatives were killed and over 100 caches discovered. The unit’s outstanding accomplishments, indomitable spirit and peerless heroism directly contributed to Coalition Forces’ success. Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 73d Cavalry Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit on the unit, the 82d Airborne Division, and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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