Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division (7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004)
1st Battalion, 325th Infantry (1 December 2003 to 6 February 2004)
2d Battalion, 325th Infantry (7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004)
3d Battalion, 325th Infantry (7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004)
2d Battalion, 319th Field Artillery (7 May 2003 to 7 February 2004)
407th Support Battalion (7 May 2003 to 8 February 2004)
Battery B, 3d Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery (7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004)
Company B, 82d Signal Battalion (7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004)
Company B, 307th Engineer Battalion (7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004)
Company B, 313th Military Intelligence Battalion (7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004)
Detachment, 49th Public Affairs Detachment (7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004)
Detachment, 411th Civil Affairs Battalion (7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: As listed above
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 7 May 2003 to 15 February 2004, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in Baghdad Province while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In conducting sustained offensive operations against determined paramilitary forces, former regime loyalists, terrorists, and religious extremists in Baghdad Province, the unit established and maintained law and order while simultaneously working to build a new Iraqi government founded on democratic principles. Despite operating under extreme conditions, the brigade fought with unparalleled courage and élan, boldly accomplishing every mission in exemplary fashion. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 82d Airborne 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.
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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