Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment
Company A, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment
Company B, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment
Company C, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment
Company D, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment
Company E, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 24 July 2008 to 1 September 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 24 July 2008 to 1 September 2009, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment’s professionalism and dedication to the mission was above and beyond the call of duty and contributed greatly to the success of the United States Division-South. The Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment completed its demanding and critical mission of providing general aviation support by flying over ~3,000 missions, exceeding 13,000 flight hours in support of operation Iraqi Freedom. The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Task Force 34 Aviation Brigade, United States Division-South, 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
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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:

[Signature]

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