Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Period of service: 2 October 2009 to 4 October 2010  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15  
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 2 October 2009 to 4 October 2010, the Headquarters, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Headquarters, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division constantly displayed the ability to operate over several lines of operations simultaneously while taking the fight to a determined, unconventional enemy resulting in a safer and more secure operational environment for the United States Forces, Iraqi security forces and the citizens of Iraq. The unit provided support to provincial reconstruction teams, stability transition teams and Iraqi security forces to ensure the security of the brigade’s area of operations stretching over five provinces. The Headquarters, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, 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 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.
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Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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