Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 180th Transportation Battalion
2d Transportation Company (23 September 2009 to 10 March 2010)
97th Transportation Company
163d Transportation Detachment (31 July 2009 to 28 March 2010)
396th Transportation Detachment (16 September 2009 to 28 March 2010)
443d Transportation Company
1404th Transportation Company
1864th Transportation Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 5 July 2009 to 28 March 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 5 July 2009 to 28 March 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 180th Transportation Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The deployment was defined by conducting first rate maintenance, training soldiers above the standard, placing soldier welfare at the forefront of decision making, and by placing mission accomplishment above all else. In total, the 180th Transportation Battalion and its subordinate units provided responsive, tailored and adaptive heavy equipment transport to more than 20 different forward operating bases and covered a distance of more than 64 million convoy miles. Further, monarch convoys hauled over 10,000 pieces of equipment and supplies equating to over 15,000,000 short tons of cargo. The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 180th Transportation Battalion and its subordinate units' dedication to the mission and exemplary performance set the standard for transportation Battalions on Arifjan and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 593d Sustainment Brigade, the 1st Sustainment Command Theater 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
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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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