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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment
Company B, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 March 2010 to 31 August 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 March 2010 to 31 August 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit distinguished itself from other sustainment support organizations through its relentless dedication to mission accomplishment; unparalleled success in the distributing of supplies throughout southern, central and northern Iraq; and its ability to protect its Soldiers and cargo while quickly adapting to an ever-changing battlefield. The professionalism, dedication and outstanding performance of duty displayed by the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units is indicative of the highest standards of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 103d Expeditionary Sustainment Command, United States Forces-Iraq 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
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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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