Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Army Superior Unit Award
Period of service: 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-16
Reason: For outstanding meritorious service. During the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation displayed outstanding meritorious performance of an operational and strategically important mission. The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation extraordinarily succeeded in its difficult and challenging mission to educate and train military, law enforcement and civilian personnel from the nations of the Western Hemisphere while continuing to accomplish the dual tasks of fostering an atmosphere of confidence and cooperation among nations and promoting democratic values. The high standards of professionalism, exhibited in the classroom or in the training fields, reflect the utmost dedication to the Institute's mission, its congressional mandate and United States foreign policy goals in general. The initiative, teamwork and focused resolve displayed by each member of the unit to help the nation achieve its vision for security and stability in the region during challenging times assured success over the time period and ensured that the Institute would remain the premier educational and training facility dedicated to solving hemispheric challenges. The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's dedicated efforts and outstanding accomplishments are essential ingredients to maintaining a hemisphere free of major interstate conflict and are a necessary part of our hemisphere's ability to confront regional threats in a unified manner. The performances of the Soldiers of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the unit, the United States Army and the Department of Defense.

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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 Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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