Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 20 August 2009 to 4 August 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 20 August 2009 to 4 August 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 73d Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit’s absolute mission focus, total team concept and dedication to the safety of the coalition and Iraqi forces set the standard for professional excellence. The Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 73d Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units’ outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, United States Division-North, 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 Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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