Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Army Superior Unit Award
Period of service: 1 September 2005 to 3 October 2005
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-16
Reason: For outstanding meritorious service. During the period 1 September 2005 to 3 October 2005, the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units assigned as Task Force Red Thunder displayed superior performance under extraordinary circumstances in response to the devastation brought by Hurricane Katrina in the wake of the worst natural disaster in United States history. Responding as the Follow-On-Force from the state of Oklahoma with 123 organic vehicles and 255 Soldiers, the unit successfully executed multiple primary missions in an effort to rescue displaced civilians and assist in restoring order in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. Task Force Red Thunder Soldiers demonstrated superior professionalism, commitment, humanitarianism and compassion while conducting daily crowd control; ground and air evacuation sites; and high water search, rescue and recovery operations. Every Soldier played a vital role in establishing the Forward Operating Base in the lower 9th Ward of Saint Bernard’s Parish while conducting traffic control check points and patrolling the streets in a combined effort to control looting and minimize chaos. Upholding the highest traditions of military service, the Soldiers of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units used outstanding resourcefulness and aggressive actions under desperate conditions. Their actions reflect great credit
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upon themselves, their units, the State of Oklahoma and the United States of America.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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