Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 15 November 2010 to 30 August 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 15 November 2010 to 30 August 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 163d Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service assigned as Task Force 1-163 in support of Operation New Dawn. The unit displayed its exceptional ability to conduct security escorts for sustainment super convoys and accomplish the mission beyond the call of duty. Its ability to provide responsive, timely and continuous support for movements that provided sustainment for bases in the Iraq Joint Operations area in the face of constant threat of lethal enemy attack demonstrated exceptional merit. The actions of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 163d Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the unit, the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team, 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:

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