Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Period of service: 2 July 2010 to 28 June 2011  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15  
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 2 July 2010 to 28 June 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while executing mentor and advisory operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan and Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan. The unit contributed enormously to the strategic effort to develop a self-sufficient and capable Afghan National Security Force. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units' professionalism, vigilance and dedication to its Afghan partners are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, the 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command 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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