Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 10 July 2010 to 21 June 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 10 July 2010 to 21 June 2011, Headquarters, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious achievement and exemplary service during full spectrum operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. The unit served as an advise-and-assist brigade in Al Anbar Province, Iraq to advise, train and assist the Anbar Operational Command, two Iraqi Army divisions and the Anbar Police Directorate. The Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the unit, in close cooperation with the Provincial Reconstruction Team-Anbar, were instrumental in conducting successful security force assistance and stability operations with partnered Iraqi Security Forces to improve civil capacity, strengthen the Iraqi Security Forces' internal and external defense capabilities, set conditions for a long-term strategic relationship, and transition missions and facilities to the Iraqi Special Forces and to the government of Iraq. The unit’s professionalism, selfless service, dedication to duty and commitment to excellence significantly contributed to successful mission accomplishment in Al Anbar Province. The efforts of Headquarters, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the 25th Infantry Division, the 1st Armored Division, United States Division-Center 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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