Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Cavalry Division.

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 15 April 2004 to 7 February 2005
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 15 April 2004 to 7 February 2005, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Cavalry Division displayed exceptionally meritorious service while executing sustained combat operations and providing the basis for the command and control of "Task Force Baghdad." Multi-National Division-Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit facilitated the division as it engaged along an aggressive campaign plan pursuing multiple lines of operations simultaneously to defeat the enemy and win the support of the Iraqi people. The unit was at the center of supporting every operation; focusing on essential services, combat operations, training and employing security forces, and promoting governance and economic pluralism all within the context of information operations. In so doing, it helped the Iraqi people forge a new, democratic government, the first in that nation's history. The dedication to duty and steadfast commitment to the mission of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Cavalry Division are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon itself, the 1st Cavalry Division and the United States Army.

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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