Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division
Special Troops Battalion, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division
1st Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment
2d Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment
1st Squadron, 73d Cavalry Regiment
2d Battalion, 319th Field Artillery Regiment
407th Support Battalion
722d Ordnance Company
194th Military Police Company (31 May 2011 to 26 November 2011)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 31 May 2011 to 15 December 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 31 May 2011 to
15 December 2011, Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division and its
subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in action against an armed enemy,
while serving under the 25th Infantry Division Headquarters and United States Division-Center.
The Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division "Falcons" and its
subordinate units displayed extraordinary competence, flexibility and mission focus in support of
Operation New Dawn in the Anbar and Baghdad Provinces of Iraq. Initially the unit, reorganized
as an Advise and Assist Brigade, deployed to Anbar Providence to focus its efforts on
strengthening the Iraqi Security Forces, transitioning key relationships built over eight years to
the Department of State, retrograding equipment and transitioning United States facilities to the
Government of Iraq. In Anbar, the Falcons partnered with the Anbar Operations Command, the
Anbar Provincial Government Center, the Anbar Police Directorate and the 1st and 7th Iraqi
Army Divisions to maintain security in the Province. The unit successfully trained and mentored
Iraqi units while working closely with the provincial civilian leadership. These partnerships and
training resulted in improved security for the United States Forces as well as the citizens of
Anbar, leading to the transition of Camps Ramadi and Fallujah as well as the outposts
established within the Anbar Police Directorate and Provincial Government Center. Later, the
unit expanded its area of operations into Baghdad, the most populous province in Iraq.
Following a relief in contact in Baghdad, the Brigade partnered with the Karkh Area Command,
the 2d and 4th Federal Police Divisions and the 6th, 9th, and 17th Iraqi Army Divisions. The
Brigade disrupted threat networks to facilitate the security of the International Zone, Victory
Base Complex and the thousands of United States Service Members retrograding out of Iraq.
At the peak of operations, the Falcons controlled eight battalions and four separate companies
and partnered with the three area commands, a Provincial Police Directorate, a Provincial
Government, two Federal Police Divisions and five Iraqi Army Divisions in two of the most
historically contested areas in the country. The Brigade allowed for the successful completion
to United States military operations in Central Iraq, bringing honor to all United States Service
Members who contributed to the accomplishment of the mission. Headquarters, 2d Brigade
Combat Team, 82d Airborne Division and its subordinate units' exemplary performance is in
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keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the United States Division-Center, 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 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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Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch