Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 5 June 2011 to 5 December 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 5 June 2011 to 5 December 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation New Dawn. The Soldiers of the unit, "Task Force Destroyer," demonstrated constant devotion to duty and selfless service. The unit's mission execution, versatility and commitment to excellence set the standard for Advise and Assist and service support operations. The actions of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units are in keeping with the highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon its Soldiers, the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division-North, Multi-National Corps-Iraq 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.
PERMANENT ORDERS 019-21, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 19 January 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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