Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 28 April 2011 to 13 December 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 28 April 2011 to 13 December 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 77th Aviation Brigade and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service assigned as Task Force Peacemaker in support of Operation New Dawn. Task Force Peacemaker's ability to adapt quickly to constantly changing challenges enabled them to succeed in tasks that conventional wisdom had said could not be done. The unit's tenacious support of the ground commanders' requirements for mobility, intelligence gathering and force protection contributed significantly to
the success of Operation New Dawn in the complex and volatile closing months of the United States Army's mission in Iraq. With the world watching, the unit provided United States Forces-Iraq and the 25th Infantry Division with the full spectrum aviation support vital to bringing Operation New Dawn to a successful close. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 77th Aviation Brigade and its subordinate units' exemplary performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 25th Infantry Division, United States Forces-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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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