Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 12 November 2010 to 25 October 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 12 November 2010 to 25 October 2011, Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation New Dawn. The unit demonstrated superior mission execution, versatility and commitment to excellence, setting the standard for Advise and Assist operations. The Brigade and its subordinate formations conducted combat advisement and provided training and assistance to its Iraqi Security Force partners in two area commands, seven divisions and the local and patrol police directorates of the Baghdad Operations Command, resulting in an increased capacity for Iraqi Forces to provide for the internal and external security of their nation. The professionalism and dignity with which the Brigade conducted its mission directly contributed to an enduring strategic partnership with the Iraqi Security Forces and the government of Iraq. The Soldiers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Officers of the "Dagger Brigade" made a profound and lasting contribution to the capability and professionalism to the Iraqi Security Forces and to the security and prosperity of the Iraqi people. The actions of Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division and its subordinate units are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, 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.
PERMANENT ORDERS 025-04, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 25 January 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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