3d Armored Cavalry
66th Military Intelligence Company
43d Engineer Company
89th Chemical Company
2d Battalion, 5th Field Artillery
16th Signal Battalion
1st Battalion, 124th Infantry
122d Engineer Battalion
Company C, 890th Engineer Battalion
248th Engineer Company
957th Engineer Company
1308th Engineer Detachment
1151st Engineer Detachment
323d Engineer Detachment
94th Military Police Company
Detachment, 361st Psychological Operations Company
Detachment B, 490th Civil Affairs Battalion
Detachment D, 502d Personnel Services Battalion
Detachment D, 4th Finance Battalion
350th Public Affairs Detachment
Detachment, 834th Adjutant General Company
761st Ordnance Company
2133d Transportation Company
Detachment, Company F, 106th Aviation
Company G, 285th Aviation
571st Medical Company
115th Military Police Company (30 May 2003 to 18 September 2003)
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 211th Military Police Battalion
(30 May 2003 to 18 September 2003)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 25 April 2003 to 18 September 2003
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 25 April 2003 to 18 September 2003, the 3d Armored Cavalry and the cited units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The units performed an economy of force
mission stretching across expansive terrain much larger than the Regiment is doctrinally designed to secure, encompassing an area more than 120,000 square kilometers in size and containing a population of over 1 million residents. The 3d Armored Cavalry and the cited units performed tasks ranging across the entire spectrum of combat operations in the area of the Sunni Triangle, while maintaining the largest assigned area of responsibility and functioning as the smallest maneuver unit directly subordinate to Combined Joint Task Force-7. The units accepted the surrender of remaining Iraqi forces and then attacked former regime loyalists in what proved to be the most insurgency-plagued area of the country. The units continued to establish order among a population whose government had collapsed and began rebuilding much of the infrastructure of the Al Anbar Province. Battling summer conditions in a brutal desert environment, the units maintained high morale, achieved highly extraordinary feats for a unit of its size and upheld the proud legacy of traditions set by cavalry units long ago. The 3d Armored Cavalry and the cited units’ performance of duty reflect great credit upon the units 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. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.