Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 28 May 2011 to 15 December 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 28 May 2011 to 15 December 2011, Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division demonstrated exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation New Dawn. The dedication and teamwork of the unit directly contributed to the success of United States Division-North. Through the hard work and actions of the Soldiers, Officers and Noncommissioned Officers, the unit increased the security and prosperity of the Diyala and Salah ad Din provinces by advising, training, assisting and equipping the Iraqi Security Forces and setting the conditions for a responsible transfer of installations and equipment to the government of Iraq during the transition and re-posture phase of Operation New Dawn. The "Black Jack Brigade" successfully transferred nine installations to the government of Iraq while conducting full-spectrum operations spanning three separate provinces. The actions of Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and bring great credit upon the 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. 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.
PERMANENT ORDER 053-06, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 22 February 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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