Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment
Company A, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment
Company B, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment
Company C, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment
Company D, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment
Company E, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 16 March 2010 to 4 March 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 16 March 2010 to 4 March 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious achievement and exemplary service in support of the Global War on Terrorism during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. The unit, assigned as Task Force Nightmare, conducted on-time, on-target, precise and safe air movement operations in direct support to the United States Division-North Commander, his deputies and numerous distinguished visitors to Iraq, and provided general aviation support to United States Division-North and United States Division-Center. The unit conducted complex and time-sensitive helicopter assault force operations in support of Joint Special Operations Forces, and air assault operations in support of ground combat units to capture and/or eradicate Al-Qaeda and other insurgent groups, playing a crucial role in bringing stability, and legitimacy and security to the government of Iraq and its citizens. The unit safely executed these aviation operations with the greatest professionalism. The actions of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the unit, the United States Forces-Iraq, the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade 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. 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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