Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 25 January 2011 to 25 December 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 25 January 2011 to 25 December 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery and its subordinate units displayed exceptional meritorious conduct while in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit, assigned as Task Force Centaur, conducted sustained combat and support missions across the entire Duke Brigade area of operations. Its expertise in bringing decisive combat power and lethal fires on the enemy set the conditions for success and represents a phenomenal effort. The unit's support of the Afghan government and Afghan National Security Force partners facilitated the creation of a safe and stable environment for the citizens of Afghanistan and set the conditions for sustainable progress. Task Force Centaur demonstrated a tenacious and relentless ability to accomplish the mission beyond the call of duty. The outstanding performance and commitment of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units uphold the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, its Soldiers, the 1st Infantry Division 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.
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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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