8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment
Troop B, 6th Battalion, 17th Cavalry Regiment (1 February 2011 to 23 September 2011)
Detachment, Company E, 3d Aviation Regiment (16 March 2011 to 23 September 2011)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 15 January 2011 to 23 September 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 15 January 2011 to 23 September 2011, the 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of the Global War on Terrorism during Operation New Dawn. The unit provided timely and responsive support to the ground maneuver commander with Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Lift, Scout and Attack assets as it secured the peace in Iraq. The unit also conducted complex and time-sensitive attack operations in support of Joint Special Operations Forces throughout United States Division-Center. By safely executing these demanding missions with the greatest professionalism, charisma and flare, the unit played a crucial role in bringing stability and legitimacy to the government of Iraq and security to Iraqi citizens. The actions of the 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, 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. 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 142-21, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122, 21 May 2012

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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