Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment  
Company B, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment  
Company C (less Detachment), 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment  
Company D, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment  
Company E, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment  
Company A, 1st Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment  
Troop E, 104th Cavalry Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award  
Period of service: 22 August 2006 to 8 July 2007  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14  
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 22 August 2006 to 8 July 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit performed superbly as a corps-level attack helicopter battalion, providing Aerial Weapons Teams to United States Army brigade combat teams, the Marine Expeditionary Force and Navy Seal teams working in Ar Ramadi, Al Anbar Province, Iraq. The tenacity of the aircrews to engage the enemy and the constant drive of the unit's support elements enhanced the ability of Coalition Forces to bring the fight to the enemy, destroyed the enemy's initiative and provided a safer and more secure existence for the people of Ar Ramadi, Iraq. The dedication of the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units, to continuously accomplish the mission in the face of imminent danger, is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and brings great credit upon the unit, the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, Multi-National Corps-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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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