2d Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment
Company F, 27th Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 15 December 2006 to 7 June 2007
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 15 December 2006 to 7 June 2007, the 2d Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate unit were distinguished by extraordinary heroism while engaged in counterinsurgency operations in the Ghazaliyah neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq. Employing unconventional tactics, techniques and procedures, the Officers and Soldiers of the unit emplaced three joint security stations. The unit established a safe neighborhood barrier plan and recruited and trained a local Sunni watch program during the most violent period of the Iraqi insurgency. Despite encountering heavy resistance from both Al-Qaeda and Jaysh al-Mahdi insurgents, the unit demonstrated an indomitable spirit in taking the fight to the enemy. With unrelenting tenacity, professional competence and exacting teamwork, the Soldiers of the unit defeated the local insurgency, established a safe and secure neighborhood and reinvigorated the neighborhood advisory council. These actions contributed directly to the continued development of Iraqi Security Forces and the Iraqi sovereign government. The professionalism, unmatched dedication to excellence and incomparable heroism of the Soldiers of the 2d Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate unit are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the unit, the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

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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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