Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment
Detachment, Company D, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment
Detachment, Company E, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment
Company B, 2d Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment
Detachment, Company D, 2d Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment
Detachment, Company E, 2d Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment
Company C, 3d Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment (less Detachment for the period 28 April 2011 to 5 September 2011) (12 February 2011 to 5 September 2011)
Detachment, Company E, 2d Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment
Company F, 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 12 February 2011 to 5 November 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 12 February 2011 to 5 November 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious achievement in support of the Global War on Terrorism during Operation New Dawn. The unit conducted full spectrum aviation operations for the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade across the entire Iraq Joint Operations Area. The unit safely executed these aviation operations with the greatest professionalism. The actions of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit on 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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