Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 19 April 2012 to 14 March 2013
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 19 April 2012 to 14 March 2013, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division and the cited units distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious achievement in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The units made tremendous progress enhancing security and stability to set conditions for transition of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The Command created a unified team that was integrated in all operations and committed to working with and through Afghan institutions. Significant improvement was made to separate insurgents from the resourced remarkable progress building capability and capacity of Afghan National Security Forces, as well as district and provincial governments through combined action and partnership. Combined security, development and governance operations and initiatives protected freedom of movement along critical economic corridors and border crossings. The synchronized, unified efforts of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division and the cited units resulted in significant Afghan sustainable momentum of Afghanistan National Security Forces and local governance capabilities and credibility at the district government level in key terrain districts building the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan legitimacy and setting conditions
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for transition. The teamwork, synergy, exceptionally accomplishments and exemplary performance of duty demonstrated by the unified team of the units is in keeping with the finest traditions so military service and brings great credit upon themselves, United States Forces-Afghanistan, United States Central Command, the Department of Defense and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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