Announcement is made of the following award:

**Award:** Meritorious Unit Commendation  
**Period of service:** 15 October 2010 to 20 July 2011  
**Authority:** AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15  
**Reason:** For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 15 October 2010 to 20 July 2011, Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division and the cited units demonstrated the ability to execute counterinsurgency operations and accomplished the mission beyond the call of duty. Their expertise in bringing decisive combat power to bear on the enemy wherever and whenever needed set the conditions for overwhelming victory and represents a phenomenal effort. The units' support of the Afghan government and Afghan National Security Force partners facilitated the creation of a safe and stable environment for Afghanistan's citizens and set the conditions necessary for sustainable progress in governance, development and agriculture. The dedication and performance of Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon itself, the cited units, the 34th Infantry Division 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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