1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery Regiment
Forward, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 103d Field Artillery Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 17 March 2004 to 15 March 2005
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 17 March 2004 to 15 March 2005, 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery Regiment and the cited unit displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The units’ courage, tenacity and dedication to duty enabled them to successfully conduct full spectrum combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. In addition to fire and counter-fire operations, the battalion provided exemplary service as base defense and quick reaction force for Camp Taji, as well as successfully completing over 400 convoy escort missions without any loss. Through these outstanding efforts the units succeeded in providing a safer and more secure Iraq. The 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery Regiment and the cited unit’s commitment to excellence and professionalism are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the themselves, the 39th Brigade Combat Team and the United States Army.

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.
PERMANENT ORDERS, 337-01 U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Ave., Fort Knox, KY 40122, 3 December 2014

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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