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3d Battalion, 43d Air Defense Artillery
516th Maintenance Company
Battery C, 3d Battalion, 2d Air Defense Artillery
2d Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery
Battery C, 6th Battalion, 52d Air Defense Artillery
1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery
Company B, 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry
Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 124th Infantry

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC)

Period of service: 29 August 2002 to 2 June 2003

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-16

Reason: During the period 29 August 2002 to 2 June 2003, the 3d Battalion, 43d Air Defense Artillery and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious conduct while in support of Operations Desert Spring, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. The unit and its assigned Soldiers distinguished themselves during a ten-month deployment which included combat operations. The unit provided air and missile defense for numerous key geopolitical assets throughout the Southwest Asia theater of operations. When the cessation of hostile missile attacks was declared, the unit was the largest air defense artillery task force ever assembled for combat operations. The unit consisted of over 1,000 Soldiers, deployed in four different countries; covering an expanse of over 1,200 square miles. The 3d Battalion, 43d Air Defense Artillery's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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