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AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

The following AWARD is announced.

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

415TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION:

The citation reads as follows:

For extraordinary meritorious service while providing the 1st Infantry Division (M) with civil-military operations and civil administration support from 7 February 2004 to 4 October 2004 during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, throughout North-Central Iraq. During this period, the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion (+) provided Task Force Danger with reliable, responsive, comprehensive and expansive Civil Affairs Support far exceeding doctrinal norms and prior experience. The support provided by the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion (+) proved to be the keystone in the bridge between the 1st Infantry Division military capabilities and the requirements of the Iraqi population, the Coalition Provisional Authority, the US Department of State, Non-Governmental and international organizations. This bridging of efforts and cultures helped enable Task Force Danger to successfully defeat the strategy of the Anti-Iraqi forces and initiate reconstruction throughout Salah Ad Din, Diyala, Kirkuk and As Sulaymaniyah provinces.


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