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PERMANENT ORDERS 144-02

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Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery, 1st Battalion,  
148th Field Artillery Regiment  
Battery A, 1st Battalion, 148th Field Artillery Regiment  
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 148th Field Artillery Regiment  
Battery C, 1st Battalion, 148th Field Artillery Regiment  
Battery E, 101st Field Artillery Regiment  
Battery F, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 12 December 2004 to 2 November 2005.

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: During the period 12 December 2004 to 2 November 2005, Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 148th Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit successfully transferred security operations in its area of operation over to regional Iraqi security forces. The unit executed focused training and mentorship to over 11,500 Iraqi security forces comprising two Iraqi Army brigades, one Department of Border Enforcement brigade, and four police districts. The unit mentored Iraqi Army soldiers and leadership during multiple kinetic security operations, each leading to a safer, more secure, democratic Iraq. The unit provided a safe, secure environment for over 28 polling sites during the historic national elections in January, 2005 and again in October 2005 to 38 polling sites. The unit mentored Iraqi security forces as they provided a safe, secure environment for the referendum vote in October 2005. The unit fired over 1,200 artillery rounds in support of the 116th Brigade Combat Team, the 42d Infantry Division, Iraqi security forces, and the United States Air Force. The unit's action-based mentality set it apart as an organization of exceptional excellence. Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 148th Field 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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