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U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
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PERMANENT ORDERS 148-17

28 May 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry
Regiment

Troop A, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment

Troop B, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment

Troop C, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment

Company D, 115th Support Battalion

Troop D, 1st Battalion, 82d Field Artillery Regiment (Provisional)

Company A, 492d Civil Affairs Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 1 February 2007 to 31 May 2007

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14

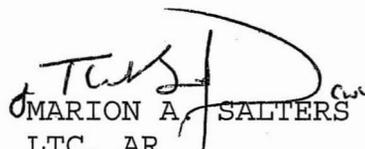
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 1 February 2007 to 31 May 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in and around the area of Sab Al Boor in Baghdad. In the Fall of 2006, the area had become a hotbed of sectarian fueled direct and indirect fire attacks, extra-judicial killings, and general lawlessness. Upon arrival, the unit immediately set about securing the city, restoring order, improving the capabilities of the local government, and developing long-term relationships with the Iraqi army and police force. The unit also began conducting full-spectrum operations in the Battle for Taji Beach, and after the launch of Operation Jack Sparrow, shifted the balance of power from Al Qaeda in Iraq to Coalition Forces. During the operation, the squadron combined riverine operations with scout tactics to conduct an amphibious assault on the northern tip of Shat Al Taji, destroying the enemy's stronghold along the Tigris River. The unit then transitioned itself from a security role to a reconstruction role, leading the 1st Cavalry Division in reconstructing critical infrastructure, providing public works and farming assistance, creating seven thousand jobs, and providing economic assistance. Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Force-Iraq, 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, and the completed streamers will be distributed by the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


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Chief, Military Awards Branch