



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
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PERMANENT ORDERS 048-10

17 February 2010

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment (26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007)
Troop A, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment (26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007)
Troop B, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment (6 March 2007 to 15 October 2007)
Troop C, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment (26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007)
Company D, 215th Support Battalion (26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007)
Company B, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion (6 March 2007 to 15 October 2007)
Company C, 431st Civil Affairs Battalion (6 March 2007 to 15 October 2007)
Battery A, 2d Battalion, 4th Field Artillery Regiment (26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007)
Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007)
293d Military Police Company (26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007)
725th Ordnance Company (6 March 2007 to 7 August 2007)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: As listed above

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 26 October 2006 to 15 October 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, in and around Diyala Province. The unit pursued an aggressive counterinsurgency campaign geared towards securing and providing services to the town of Muqdadiyah and surrounding locales. In doing so, the unit took the fight to the enemy on its own ground by establishing a permanent combat outpost in Shakarat, the most volatile village in the area. This in turn prevented anti-Iraqi forces from entering Muqdadiyah via its "Bread Basket". From its patrol base, the unit conducted aggressive, near-continuous combat operations against the insurgency. The unit skillfully engaged the enemy in urban areas, conducting house-clearing operations while enduring indirect fire attacks, hidden and vehicle-borne improvised

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explosive devices, suicide vests, rocket propelled grenades, and small arms fire. Undeterred, the unit inflicted heavy casualties on the numerically superior enemy forces and compiled an enviable combat record. Additionally, the unit successfully trained Iraqi Security Forces and enabled them to successfully defend their cities from future threats. Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment'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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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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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