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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 131st
    Aviation Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 131st Aviation Regiment
Company B, 1st Battalion, 131st Aviation Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 131st Aviation Regiment
Company D, 1st Battalion, 131st Aviation Regiment
Company E, 1st Battalion, 131st Aviation Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
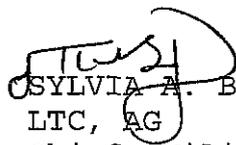Period of service: 1 September 2006 to 15 August 2007
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service.  During the period
1 September 2006 to 15 August 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters
Company, 1st Battalion, 131st Aviation Regiment and its
subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in
support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.  The unit's actions
established it as one of the premier battalions in the 36th
Brigade.  Throughout its deployment, the battalion provided
effective and responsive support for a very diverse set of
missions, including personnel and cargo transport, high value
target transport, downed aircraft recovery, general support for
Multi-National Corps Iraq, and Medevac over-watch.  The
battalion's tactical prowess and emphasis on precision set the
standard for the 36th Brigade.  The unit's perseverance and
unending devotion to duty contributed to the overwhelming success
of Coalition Forces.  Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st
Battalion, 131st Aviation Regiment's outstanding performance of
duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service
and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 36th Combat
Aviation Brigade, and the United States Army.

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