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PERMANENT ORDERS 041-12

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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 156th
Infantry
Company A, 3d Battalion, 156th Infantry
Company C, 3d Battalion, 156th Infantry
Troop E, 101st Cavalry

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 3 October 2004 to 16 September 2005

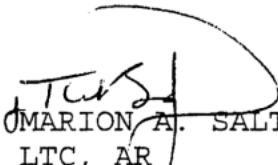
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Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 3 October 2004 to 16 September 2005, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 156th Infantry and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit doggedly pursued its mission to create a secure environment for the growth of a democratic Iraq, and it was instrumental in securing thirty-five voting sites for the first free democratic elections held in over thirty years. The unit also played an integral role in training the Iraqi Army, mentoring and training Iraqi officers and senior noncommissioned officers, and validating the Iraqi Army Battalions in order to prepare them to take over the battle space. Further, the unit worked with an assortment of organizations to help develop the local government and to provide essential services and infrastructure. Additionally, the unit conducted over one hundred and sixty-seven humanitarian assistance missions geared towards improving the local economy. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 156th Infantry's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit and the United States Army.

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