



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND**  
**200 STOVALL STREET**  
**ALEXANDRIA VA 22332-0470**

PERMANENT ORDERS 351-07

17 December 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 172d Infantry Brigade

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 12 November 2008 to 17 November 2009

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 12 November 2008 to 17 November 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 172d Infantry Brigade displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit provided command and control for seven battalion-sized elements, conducting missions across Karbala, Babil, Wasit, Al Najaf, and Diwaniyah provinces. The battalion partnered with the 8th Iraqi Army, the 30th, 31st, 32d, and 33d Iraqi Brigades and supported the Iraqi government's efforts in providing a safe and secure environment for the citizens of Iraq. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 172d Infantry Brigade's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Multi-National Division-South, and the United States Army.

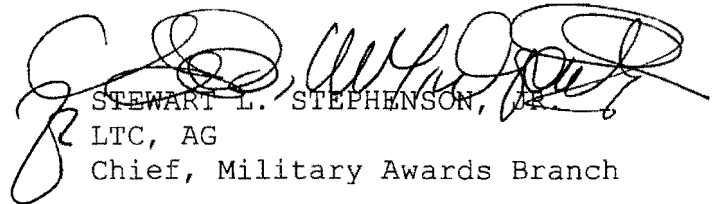
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is 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

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Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units  
concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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