



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDER 243-08

30 August 2012

Headquarters, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division  
Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division  
1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment  
2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment  
2d Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment  
1st Battalion, 82d Field Artillery Regiment (1 July 2011 to 15 December 2011)  
115th Support Battalion (less Company G for the period 27 June 2011 to 30 June 2011)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 27 June 2011 to 15 December 2011

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 27 June 2011 to 15 December 2011, Headquarters, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious achievement and exemplary service during full-spectrum operations in support of Operation New Dawn. The units served as an Advise and Assist Brigade in Babil, Wasit and Diwaniyah provinces in order to advise and assist Iraqi Army brigades and the police directorate, while also securing supply route Tampa and conducting the closure of all United States bases within the three provinces. The Soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division were responsible for the drawdown of all equipment, materiel and services for three major United States contingency operating sites in a timely and professional manner, resulting in one hundred percent accountability of equipment from eight years of sustained operations. The units' superior performance of duty in attacking to disrupt enemy cells resulted in the movement of over 30,000 United States Soldiers and contractors throughout the Area of Operations with no serious incidents. The efforts of Headquarters, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and the cited units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the 25th Infantry Division, the 36th Infantry Division, United States Division-Center, United States 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

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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. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elisa M. Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ELISA M. ROBINSON

CW4, AG

Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations  
Branch