



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE
ARMY SUPERIOR UNIT AWARD

HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE
U.S. ARMY INSTITUTE OF SURGICAL RESEARCH

FOR MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE
OF A DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING MISSION

13 JANUARY 2003 TO 31 DECEMBER 2004

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY 2006



James J. Haney
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the Army Superior Unit Award is awarded to:

U.S. ARMY INSTITUTE OF SURGICAL RESEARCH

for outstanding meritorious performance during peacetime in a difficult and challenging mission:

During the period 13 January 2003 to 31 December 2004, the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research displayed outstanding meritorious conduct while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Institute significantly contributed to the survival of battle casualties through the development and execution of its burn and vesicant support plan. The Institute successfully provided burn and vesicant care training to over 1,369 personnel, coordinated the identification and use of American Burn Association burn beds throughout the continental United States, provided a burn liaison officer with the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in the theater of operation, and expanded a 24-bed burn center to 40 beds while maintaining their peacetime mission. Additionally, the Institute provided burn-special medical augmentation response teams with no notice to evacuate patients from the Federal Republic of Germany, and deployed combat casualty care research products such as the special medical emergency evacuation device, the one-handed tourniquet, and the fibrin sealant and chitosan dressings to Soldiers in the Theater of Operations. The efforts of the unit played a major role in the survival of casualties, their safe evacuation from the Federal Republic of Germany, and their subsequent care and recovery at the Institute's Burn Center. The U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research's extraordinary efforts and exemplary performance of duty reflect great credit upon the Institute, the United States Army Medical Department, and the United States Army.

