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**I. LEGION OF MERIT.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded posthumously to:

Colonel *William L. Nash*, , Armor, United States Army. February 1946 to 12 August 1959.

**II. LEGION OF MERIT.** 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Wayne L. Bart*, , Infantry, United States Army. 30 July 1955 to 30 June 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Leo B. Benade*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army. 10 June 1955 to 9 July 1959.

Major *George C. Benson*, , Infantry, United States Army. 17 November 1956 to 8 June 1959. (This award supersedes the award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster), for service from 30 November 1957 to 26 June 1958, as announced in Department of the Army General Orders Number 32, 16 September 1958.)

Colonel *Fred McManaway*, , Infantry, United States Army. April 1946 to 30 September 1959.

Colonel *Louis F. Williams*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army. 8 June 1950 to 30 September 1959.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Major General *Elbert DeCoursey*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 15 March 1949 to 30 September 1959.

Colonel *Carl H. Hatch*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. June 1948 to 30 September 1959.

Colonel *John D. Hines*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. March 1956 to May 1959.

Colonel *Harold E. Liebe*, , Artillery, United States Army. August 1950 to 31 August 1959.

Brigadier General *Francis W. Pruitt*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. 30 June 1953 to 31 August 1959. (This award supersedes the previous award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to General Pruitt for meritorious service from 28 January 1953 to 30 September 1957, as announced in General Orders Number 42, Headquarters Walter Reed Army Medical Center, dated 18 September 1957.)

Colonel *Hugh W. Stevenson*, , Armor, United States Army. 1 July 1946 to 30 September 1959.  
 Colonel *Otis M. Ulm*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. March 1948 to May 1959.  
 Brigadier General *Harold Walmsley*, , United States Army. 1 July 1946 to 30 September 1959.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Brigadier General *Joseph M. Colby*, , United States Army. July 1947 to 30 September 1959.  
 Brigadier General *Gerald A. Counts*, , United States Army. August 1945 to 30 September 1959.

**III..LEGION OF MERIT.** 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Lieutenant General *Sadegh Amir-Azizi*, Imperial Iranian Gendarmerie. 1 September 1958 to 1 April 1959.  
 Colonel *Vitoon Hansavesa*, , Royal Thai Army. 3 June 1955 to 31 March 1959.

Major General *Mian Ghulam Jilani* (then Brigadier), Pakistan Army. October 1952 to June 1955.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Legionnaire) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Major *Celso dos Santos Meyer*, Brazilian Army. 31 May 1957 to 15 February 1959.

**IV..SOLDIER'S MEDAL.** By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded to:

Major *Robert M. Berger*, , Artillery, Army of the United States, a member of Headquarters, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 2d Artillery, distinguished himself by heroism on 15 June 1959, at Baumholder Army Airfield, Germany. Major *Berger* was a passenger in an L-19A, Army aircraft that crashed while the pilot was landing. As the aircraft came to rest after cartwheeling and skidding backwards over the ground for 50 feet, it immediately caught fire around the engine. Major *Berger* evacuated the aircraft and was a few feet from the door when he heard the pilot call for assistance. He voluntarily returned to help the pilot extricate his right leg from the collapsed forward portion of the cockpit, despite the flames that were coming out from under the engine cowling and spreading up the windshield, threatening to explode the gas tanks at any second. Suffering from a fractured left shoulder and two fractured vertebrae, Major *Berger* persisted in his efforts until he freed the pilot's leg and assisted him away from the burning aircraft shortly before the cockpit burst into flames. Major *Berger's* unselfishness and prompt courageous action saved the pilot from severe burns or possible death, reflecting great credit on himself and the military service.

Specialist Four *Wayne F. Chayer*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army, a member of H/S Company, 84th Engineer Battalion (Construction), Fort Ord, California, distinguished himself by heroism on 2 April 1959, in the vicinity of Spreckels, California. While performing duty as crane driver-operator on the Decomposed Granite Excavation Project, Specialist *Chayer* arrived on the scene and found the 20-ton truck-mounted crane which he operated parked on a steep slope. After determining that the crane was out of gas, he sent a fellow soldier after a bulldozer to tow it. Minutes later the heavily weighted crane started to roll perilously down the mountain. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Specialist *Chayer* jumped into the driver's compartment of the crane and made a courageous and desperate attempt to stop it. Unable to impede its speed and realizing there were only seconds to spare, Specialist *Chayer* veered the rolling crane into the side of the mountain and prevented it from leaving the road. This timely action undoubtedly saved the lives of fellow soldiers working in the immediate vicinity and of civilians living in homes at the foot of the mountain. The prompt courage and selfless, heroic actions taken by Specialist *Chayer* in this sudden emergency are worthy of emulation, and reflect distinct credit on himself and the military service.

Specialist Five *Thomas I. Scott*, , United States Army, a medical corpsman of the 215th General Dispensary, distinguished himself by heroism at Trois Fontaines, France on 8 May 1959. In response to an ambulance call, Specialist *Scott* found a soldier pinned and completely hidden under an overturned Army Engineer gradeall excavator. As three wrecker units strained to raise the huge piece of equipment in an effort to free the trapped man, gasoline and oil spilled from the machine, further increasing the danger involved. Immediately after the overstrained wrecker units had hoisted the vehicle approximately six inches, Specialist *Scott* dropped to the ground and worked himself under the several suspended tons of metal through broken glass, spilled gasoline and debris and managed to reach the injured man. Without regard for his own personal safety and with the full understanding that the slightest human or mechanical failure would be fatal for him, Specialist *Scott* persisted in his efforts until he freed the pinned operator and assisted him to safety. The high sense of duty, prompt courage, and brave actions displayed by Specialist *Scott* by risking his life in this emergency to save that of his fellow soldier are worthy of emulation, and reflect distinct credit on himself and the military service.

**V..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT.** 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service is awarded to:

Colonel *Carrol C. Barrick*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army. 12 December 1951 to 30 September 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Mildred I. Clark*, NG08, Army Nurse Corps, United States Army. 14 September 1955 to 3 August 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert Francis*, , Infantry, United States Army. October 1957 to June 1959.

Master Sergeant *Tom L. Gann, Jr.*, , United States Army. 8 August 1957 to 11 August 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *Henry W. Gibson*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. 1 November 1956 to 31 July 1959.

Sergeant First Class *Harvey H. Giddens*, , United States Army.  
2 October 1956 to 12 July 1959.

Master Sergeant *Jon Horne*, , United States Army. 10 May  
1956 to 15 April 1959.

Captain *Hal G. Jackson, Jr.*, , Army Intelligence (Infantry), Army  
of the United States. 3 January 1958 to 8 June 1959.

Master Sergeant *Bernard G. Kent*, , United States Army. 30  
August 1955 to 16 July 1959.

Major *Arthur A. Klekner*, , Army Intelligence (CI), Army of the  
United States. 1 August 1957 to 4 September 1959.

Sergeant First Class *Richard L. Morgan*, , United States Army.  
1 December 1957 to 31 May 1959.

Chief Warrant Officer *George P. Morris*, , Quartermaster Corps,  
Army of the United States. 3 February 1958 to 1 September 1959.

Master Sergeant *George C. Murray*, , United States Army. 26  
June 1956 to 26 July 1959.

Colonel *Mortimer J. O'Kane*, , Infantry, Army of the United States.  
June 1955 to September 1959.

Colonel *George T. Pitts, Jr.*, , Armor, United States Army. 23 March  
1955 to 9 June 1959.

Colonel *Sanford M. Pool, Jr.*, , Quartermaster Corps, Army of the  
United States. 3 January 1955 to 30 September 1959.

Major *Howard D. Reinert, Jr.*, , Infantry, Army of the United  
States. 25 February 1957 to 31 August 1959.

Major *Stephen S. Skibinski*, , Finance Corps, Army of the United  
States. 12 April 1957 to 30 June 1959.

Lieutenant Colonel *William T. Stallings, Jr.*, , General Staff  
(Armor), Army of the United States. 25 September 1957 to 15  
February 1958.

Lieutenant Colonel *Marvin N. Stanford*, , Artillery, United States  
Army. 12 July 1955 to 6 July 1959.

Colonel *Ernest Von Pawel*, , Armor, United States Army. 30 May  
1957 to 13 June 1959.

Colonel *Jack H. Weske*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army.  
August 1942 to September 1959.

Captain *Fletcher R. Young*, , Finance Corps, United States Army.  
1 October 1956 to 25 July 1959.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Chief Warrant Officer *Richard Bright*, , Adjutant General's Corps,  
Army of the United States. 7 April 1957 to 25 May 1959.

Colonel *Richard G. Stilwell*, , Infantry, United States Army. Jan-  
uary to May 1959.

3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Colonel *Jesse C. Drain, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. 20 March  
1957 to 27 September 1959.

4. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Sergeant First Class *Albert L. Griffin*, , Infantry, United States Army. 18 June 1959.

Second Lieutenant *Lawrence B. Hilbert*, , Artillery, Army of the United States. 2 April 1959.

Private First Class *Kenneth R. Lancaster*, , United States Army. 29 April 1959.

First Lieutenant *Richard T. Rushton*, , Armor, Army of the United States. 11 March 1958.

Captain *George D. Stevenson*, (then First Lieutenant), Armor, Army of the United States. 11 March 1958.

**VI..COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT.** So much of section VI, General Orders Number 30, Department of the Army, 1959, as pertains to award of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant to Colonel *Patrick F. Cassidy*, , Infantry, United States Army as reads "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant" is amended to read "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak Leaf Cluster)."

By Order of *Wilber M. Brucker*, Secretary of the Army:

Official:

**R. V. LEE**,  
Major General, United States Army,  
The Adjutant General.

**L. L. LEMNITZER**,  
General, United States Army,  
Chief of Staff.

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