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**I. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded, posthumously to:

Private *Do Van Tan*, 64/405857, Infantry, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, while a member of Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 41st Regiment, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving an opposing force in the Republic of Vietnam on 10 January 1968. During an attack by an estimated North Vietnamese Army battalion on the command post of the 2d Battalion, 41st Regiment, Private *Tan* went to his place of duty with four American advisors in a bunker. The numerically superior enemy, attacking with rockets, mortars, automatic weapons, small arms and handgrenades, mounted a coordinated assault from several directions and overran the defensive positions, throwing handgrenades into the fortified positions as they passed through the command post. A grenade was thrown into the bunker occupied by Private *Tan* and the American advisors. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his personal well-being, Private *Tan* grasped the grenade and threw himself on it, shielding the American advisors from the blast and shrapnel. Private *Tan*, through his unselfish and valorous sacrifice of his own life, prevented possible loss of life or serious injury to the four American advisors who were in the bunker. Private *Tan*'s conspicuous gallantry and heroic action were in the highest tradition of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

**II. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded posthumously to:

Colonel *Rex R. Sage*, O34061, Infantry, United States Army. May 1968 to September 1968.

**III. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

Brigadier General *Jack S. Blocker*, O32118, United States Army. August 1964 to December 1968.

Lieutenant General *William B. Bunker*, O19402, United States Army. June 1962 to September 1968.

Brigadier General *William S. Coleman*, O35710, United States Army. June 1967 to December 1968. (This award supersedes the Bronze Star Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) awarded to General *Coleman* for meritorious achievement from 5 August 1967 to 25 September 1967, as announced in General Orders Number 2651, Headquarters 1st Infantry Division, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, dated 23 March 1968, and Bronze Star Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) awarded to General *Coleman* for meritorious achievement from 29 January 1968 to 10 March 1968 as announced in General Orders Number 2652, Headquarters 1st Infantry Division, Military Assistance Command, dated 23 March 1968.)

Colonel *Robert C. Crisson*, O36520, Infantry, United States Army, June 1960 to August 1968.

Brigadier General *William J. Durrenberger*, O25099, United States Army. September 1965 to September 1968.

Colonel *Henry E. Emerson*, O50868, Infantry, United States Army. March 1968 to August 1968.

Major General *James E. Frank*, O268106, United States Army. December 1941 to December 1968.

General *Theodore W. Parker*, O18369, United States Army. March 1954 to January 1969.

Major General *Gines Perez*, O30126, United States Army. June 1964 to December 1968.

Major General *Charles P. Stone*, O21376, United States Army. January to December 1968.

Colonel *William E. Weber*, O65592, Infantry, United States Army. July 1964 to June 1968.

**IV. 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 1953, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded, posthumously, to:

Colonel *Uell W. Ellard, Jr.*, O58892, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. June 1967 to September 1968.

**V. 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 1953, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded, posthumously, to:

Colonel *Maurice W. Lundelius*, O54864, Infantry, United States Army. October 1960 to October 1968.

**VI. 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 1953, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded, posthumously, to:

Colonel *John H. McClelland*, O1823181, Infantry, United States Army. January 1967 to June 1968.

**VII.-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 1953, the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded, posthumously, to:

Colonel *George W. Marshall*, O81010, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. April 1959 to November 1968.

**VIII.-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 1953, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Colonel *Daniel D. Allabaugh*, O372570, Artillery, United States Army. June 1964 to November 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Newell J. Berger, Jr.*, O78717, Military Police Corps, United States Army. May 1966 to January 1969.

Colonel *Alvin E. Blumberg*, O373033, Finance Corps, United States Army. November 1960 to January 1969.

Colonel *Charles C. Boatwright*, O1018381, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. December 1967 to November 1968.

Colonel *Frank A. Bogart*, O40325, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. August 1965 to January 1969.

Brigadier General *Melvin I. Bookman*, O349751, United States Army. March 1963 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert N. Breitenkamp*, O84728, Medical Service Corps, United States Army. June 1963 to December 1968.

Command Sergeant Major *Howard A. Brosseau*, RA11007283, United States Army. May 1963 to September 1968. (This award supersedes the Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) awarded to Sergeant Major *Brosseau* for meritorious service during the period May 1963 to September 1968 as announced in General Orders Number 309, Headquarters United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996, dated 26 September 1968.)

Chief Warrant Officer *Reid C. Bush*, W902856, United States Army. April 1966 to January 1969.

Colonel *James W. Cavender*, O46443, Armor, United States Army. May 1966 to December 1968.

Colonel *Roy J. Clinton*, O23774, Armor, United States Army. June 1959 to October 1968.

Colonel *Robert D. Crow*, O52746, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1965 to February 1969.

Major General *Lincoln M. Cummings*, O292152, United States Army. July 1960 to November 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert T. Dalton, Jr.*, O1642780, Signal Corps, United States Army. November 1956 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Julian D. Farrar*, O69483, Military Intelligence, United States Army. July 1966 to January 1969.

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Lieutenant Colonel *Edward F. Gallagher*, O78841, Artillery, United States Army. May 1966 to May 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Lewis H. Ham, Jr.*, O70746, Armor, United States Army. May 1966 to October 1968.

Colonel *Hugh R. Higgins*, O36183, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. April 1966 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *John J. Hoffman, Jr.*, O62255, Infantry, United States Army. December 1965 to October 1968.

Major *Douglass M. Hurt*, FV2074698, United States Air Force. July 1965 to August 1968.

Colonel *Donald T. Kellett*, O40323, Infantry, United States Army. July 1960 to December 1968.

Chief Warrant Officer *Edward R. Knight*, W2001534, United States Army. June 1962 to December 1968.

Brigadier General *William G. Kreger*, O348066, United States Army. February 1941 to November 1968.

Colonel *Harley W. Ladd*, O53512, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. February 1961 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Theron G. Ladner*, O81474, Artillery, United States Army. August 1966 to January 1969.

Lieutenant Colonel *William F. Lee*, O1314154, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. June 1966 to December 1968.

Colonel *Emmet B. Lyle*, O1304753, Infantry, United States Army. January 1966 to November 1968.

Commander *William J. McBurney*, 512001/1100, United States Navy. April 1965 to August 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Elmer C. Martin*, O61474, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. September 1967 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Bernard F. Mewhort*, O1639401, Signal Corps, United States Army. June 1965 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Harold B. Neumann*, O89363, Signal Corps, United States Army. July 1966 to January 1969.

Colonel *John W. Nocita*, O65045, Artillery, United States Army. July 1966 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Mart R. Parker*, O1294355, Infantry, United States Army. June 1965 to June 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Henry J. Picard*, O970453, Military Intelligence, United States Army. February 1968 to October 1968.

Colonel *Henry H. Sablitz*, O40532, Signal Corps, United States Army. December 1965 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Donald E. Sampson*, O62630, Artillery, United States Army. January 1967 to January 1969.

Colonel *Russell H. Self*, O1303782, Infantry, United States Army. June 1960 to December 1968.

Colonel *Frederick J. Sheffield*, O67616, Medical Corps, United States Army. October 1967 to December 1968.

Colonel *Lewis W. Shropshire*, O79995, Infantry, United States Army. August 1963 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Story C. Stevens*, O82366, Transportation Corps, United States Army. August 1967 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles E. Thomann*, O61005, Military Intelligence, United States Army. September 1965 to September 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Ruth D. Thompson*, L121, Women's Army Corps, United States Army. July 1963 to December 1968.

Chief Warrant Officer *John D. Thomson*, W3150796, United States Army. April 1967 to August 1968.

Colonel *William G. Willmann*, O81936, Chemical Corps, United States Army. July 1965 to December 1968.

Colonel *Gus A. Wolman, Jr.*, O57583, Transportation Corps, United States Army. August 1966 to October 1968.

Colonel *Frederick S. Wright, Jr.*, O21328, Infantry, United States Army. January 1959 to July 1968.

Colonel *Crawford Young*, O25984, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. July 1966 to December 1968.

Colonel *Curtis F. Young*, O37305, Artillery, United States Army. July 1965 to July 1968.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1953, the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Lewell V. Autrey*, O84587, Finance Corps, United States Army. September 1967 to October 1968.

Colonel *Jerry G. Capka*, O26573, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. June 1966 to January 1969.

Colonel *Haskett L. Conner, Jr.*, O21855, Infantry, United States Army. May 1962 to October 1968.

Colonel *William W. Cover*, O26287, Artillery, United States Army. May 1967 to December 1968.

Colonel *George M. Bush*, O27072, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. July 1967 to January 1969.

Brigadier General *Ernest R. Ellis*, O343225, United States Army. February 1957 to December 1968.

Colonel *Richard L. Nispel*, O53810, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. September 1960 to December 1968.

Colonel *Harold R. Parfitt*, O25914, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. June 1965 to September 1968.

Colonel *Joseph T. Prendergast*, O45327, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. July 1966 to December 1968.

Major General *Lloyd B. Ramsey*, O23553, United States Army. October 1967 to December 1968.

Major General *John W. Wurts*, O283443, United States Army. February 1963 to December 1968.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1953, the Legion of Merit (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Colonel *Jack F. Albert*, O32097, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. April 1960 to December 1968.

Colonel *Robert J. Coakley*, O23919, Armor, United States Army. January 1967 to January 1969.

Brigadier General *William R. Kraft, Jr.*, O24726, United States Army. February 1967 to December 1968.

Colonel *Jack P. Napier*, O43657, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. July 1966 to November 1968.

Colonel *David E. Ott*, O26522, Artillery, United States Army. October 1967 to December 1968.

Colonel *Wilbur H. Vinson, Jr.*, O27405, Artillery, United States Army. August 1967 to September 1968.

**IX. 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 1953, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

General *Bahram Aryana*, Imperial Iranian Armed Forces. December 1965 to November 1966.

General *Aurelio de Lyra Tavares*, Brazilian Minister of the Army. March 1967 to July 1968.

General *Refik Yilmaz*, Turkish Army. March 1966 to May 1967.

Lieutenant General *Ezzatollah Zarghami*, Imperial Iranian Ground Forces. September 1966 to April 1967.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1953, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Brigadier General *Yoo Hak Seung*, 14849, Republic of Korea Army. June 1967 to July 1968.

**X. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.** 1. 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:

Captain *Franklin J. DeRusso*, O536921, Medical Corps, United States Army, who distinguished himself by an act of unusual bravery and heroism without regard to his own safety on the 19th of June 1968, at the United States Army Medical Center, United States Army Hospital, Ryukyu Islands. On that date, a suicidal patient was preparing to jump from the 5th floor of the hospital, when Captain *DeRusso* appeared and began to talk to him. This had no effect on the patient and Captain *DeRusso* crawled beneath the protective fence to the roof ledge which was only 3½-feet wide and quite slippery. He walked to the patient and stepped directly between him and the edge of the ledge. Captain *DeRusso* talked to the patient in a calm tone of voice, and moments later, led the patient back along the length of the protective fence, being careful to keep the patient between himself and the fence, thereby preventing any sudden attempt for the patient to jump off the ledge. The patient, being a much larger man than Captain *DeRusso*, placed Captain *DeRusso* at a distinct disadvantage. Captain *DeRusso* placed his life in jeopardy as the ledge was narrow and slippery and he would surely have been carried over the edge if the patient had made any attempt at harming himself. The patient involved in this incident was a psychiatric patient with a history of several years of bizarre and unusual behavior. He was known to have been potentially violent. There was strong evidence of organic brain damage, making him an unpredictable and unstable person even under normal circumstances. This patient was

quite apt to make a sudden and unpredictable lunge and thus carry Captain *DeRusso* with him over the edge of the ledge to certain death five stories below. Captain *DeRusso's* courageous actions were with complete disregard for his own safety and demonstrated a rare sense of obligation to his fellow man. Captain *DeRusso's* actions were in accordance with the finest traditions of the United States Army and the Medical Corps.

2. 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:

First Lieutenant *Ronald M. Goulet*, O5334389, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism while participating in a night tactical parachute operation over Gatun Drop Zone, Panama Canal Zone on 23 September 1968. During the conduct of the parachute jump, as the jumpers were exiting from the door of the C-47 aircraft, the anchor cable in the aircraft broke loose from its forward terminal, resulting in the failure of one jumper's parachute to deploy. As this jumper left the aircraft, he became entangled in the broken cable and was suspended outside and underneath the aircraft. Lieutenant *Goulet* displaying a complete disregard for his own safety, exposed more than half of his body outside the aircraft and, by holding on to the aft door frame with his legs, reached back and under the fuselage to grasp the static-line of the undeployed parachute. By the exertion of almost superhuman strength, Lieutenant *Goulet* pulled the suspended trooper forward toward the door and finally was able to grasp the man's extended hand. With the assistance of the other men in the aircraft, the towed jumper was gradually hauled back into the aircraft to safety. In his precarious position, Lieutenant *Goulet* was pulling against the dead weight of a man buffeted by a 125-knot wind, simultaneously being exposed himself to the turbulence of propeller blast and aircraft instability. Should he have fallen out of the aircraft, he faced serious injury or death. Lieutenant *Goulet's* actions in preventing fatal injury to the towed jumper and in eliminating a situation extremely hazardous to the aircraft were in the highest tradition of unselfish courage and reflect great credit to himself and the United States Army.

3. 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:

Private First Class *Jerald F. Kearney*, RA12965437, United States Army, while a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Security Agency Group, Korea, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 6 August 1968 at approximately 0900 hours. Private *Kearney* was a passenger on a ferry crossing the treacherous Kum-Gang River, at Kunsan, Korea. Upon nearing the southern dock of the ferry crossing, Private *Kearney*, along with several other passengers, observed a young Korean boy being swept downstream by the extremely swift current and outgoing tide of the Kum-Gang River. The boy was approximately 50 yards from the Kunsan shore and was struggling to keep above water by flailing his arms in the air. However, he continued to sink below the surface of the water four or five times. Private *Kearney* immediately, and without regard to his own life and safety, removed his shoes and dove off the ferry and into the river. He swam approximately 20 yards to the boy who was unconscious by this time, began to tow him to shore against the adverse current, and finally reached the shore.

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Although obviously fatigued from the rescue, Private *Kearney*, without hesitation, began to administer artificial respiration to the boy. His efforts were successful, and the young boy revived after about four minutes. Private *Kearney's* completely voluntary act, alert action and complete disregard for his own personal safety without question saved the young Korean boy's life. His exemplary actions in risking his life above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

4. 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:

First Lieutenant *David S. Keith*, O5334569, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism while participating in a night tactical parachute operation over Gatun Drop Zone, Panama Canal Zone, on 23 September 1968. During the conduct of the parachute jump, as the jumpers were exiting from the door of the C-47 aircraft, the cable in the aircraft broke loose from its forward terminal, resulting in the failure of one jumper's parachute to deploy. As this jumper left the aircraft, he became entangled in the broken cable and was suspended outside and underneath the aircraft. Lieutenant *Keith*, displaying a complete disregard for his own safety, knelt on the very edge of the aircraft door and, assisted by the static-line officer, was able to drag the suspended jumper back into the aircraft to safety. Aside from the obvious dangers inherent in the position and actions, Lieutenant *Keith* took in the door of the aircraft; his situation was made extremely precarious by the fact that his parachute was attached to the broken anchor cable, rendering it ineffective. Should he have fallen out of the aircraft, his situation would have been the same or worse than that of the man he was trying to save. Lieutenant *Keith's* actions in preventing fatal injury to the towed jumper and in eliminating a situation extremely hazardous to the aircraft were clearly beyond those expected from his duty position. His heroism was inspirational to the remaining men in the aircraft and does great credit to himself and to the United States Army.

5. 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 *Gary T. Meagher*, O4010166, Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism in the saving of an injured and trapped man from a smashed and burning automobile. At approximately 0745 hours, 11 May 1968, Major *Meagher* was traveling north on Highway 101, between Novato and Santa Rosa, California, when he observed a Volkswagen, caught in a sudden strong gust of wind, go out of control and roll off the road and down an embankment, coming to rest upside down. Fuel and oil, spilled around the vehicle, ignited and began burning as Major *Meagher* stopped to render assistance. Recognizing the immediate danger to the man inside the car, Major *Meagher* began throwing loose dirt on the flames to extinguish the fire. At this time, another motorist pulled up and the two of them found it impossible to put the fire out. Fully aware of the responsibility he was assuming, Major *Meagher* decided that the imminent danger of incineration and suffocation that faced the injured and trapped man warranted his immediate removal to a place of safety. Unable to open the jammed doors of the car, Major *Meagher* crawled



through the jagged opening of the shattered rear window. Gently, he lifted and turned the man until he could slip him through the narrow opening. In his concern for the unconscious injured man, Major *Meagher* ignored the personal pain and danger he was risking. Suffering multiple lacerations of the face and hands, he nevertheless successfully extracted the badly injured and helpless man, undoubtedly saving his life. Major *Meagher's* cool courage and exemplary valor have brought great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

6. 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:

Private First Class *James E. Ruskaup*, ER17757764, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic action on 26 May 1968 by rescuing three injured persons from a flaming automobile. Private *Ruskaup*, while en route to a Reserve meeting, came upon the scene of a multiple-vehicle accident near the intersection of Indiana Route 67 and Post Road South near Indianapolis, Indiana. He went immediately to the aid of the passengers in the most seriously damaged automobile. Despite an intense fire which had erupted in the rear of the vehicle, Private *Ruskaup* and another soldier, at the risk of their own bodily safety, used tire tools to pry open a smashed side door, removed a male and female occupant and a 9-month-old infant from the arms of its mother through a broken rear window, and carried them to positions of safety. Both men then rushed to the assistance of the female passenger who was pinned in the rear seat of the flaming wreckage. Despite resolute efforts to extricate the remaining passenger, the interior of the car was engulfed in flame and smoke, and the men were driven back unable to rescue the female victim. Private *Ruskaup* rendered first aid and saw to the comfort of the survivors, assisted the less seriously injured passengers in the other automobiles, summoned police and emergency vehicles and assisted in traffic control until authorities arrived. Private *Ruskaup's* heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

7. 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 *James L. Sandefer*, O955542, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by his heroic actions in saving the life of another officer on 21 August 1968 at approximately 1745 hours. Major *Sandefer's* unit was bivouacked in a field at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, and he and three other officers were working in a tent during a severe electrical storm. One of the officers was talking on a phone and was suddenly paralyzed by a tremendous electrical current coming through the field phone. Sensing that the officer was being electrocuted, Major *Sandefer* completely disregarded his own safety, grabbed the phone from the officer's hand and shoved him clear of the danger area. Major *Sandefer's* instantaneous action saved the life of one of his fellow officers but very nearly cost him his own. He received a very great electrical shock, and his breathing had to be restored several times by artificial resuscitation. Major *Sandefer's* unselfish actions in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

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8. 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:

Private First Class *John C. Simmonds*, ER17757763, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroic action on 26 May 1968 by rescuing three injured persons from a flaming automobile. Private *Simmonds*, while en route to a Reserve meeting, came upon the scene of a multiple-vehicle accident near the intersection of Indiana Route 67 and Post Road South near Indianapolis, Indiana. He went immediately to the aid of the passengers in the most seriously damaged automobile. Despite an intense fire which had erupted in the rear of the vehicle, Private *Simmonds* and another soldier, at the risk of their own bodily safety, used tire tools to pry open a smashed side door, removed a male and female occupant and a 9-month-old infant from the arms of its mother through a broken rear window, and carried them to positions of safety. Both men then rushed to the assistance of the female passenger who was pinned in the rear seat of the flaming wreckage. Despite resolute efforts to extricate the remaining passenger, the interior of the car was engulfed in flame and smoke, and the men were driven back, unable to rescue the female victim. Private *Simmonds* rendered first aid and saw to the comfort of the survivors, assisted the less seriously injured passengers in the other automobiles, summoned police and emergency vehicles and assisted in traffic control until authorities arrived. Private *Simmonds'* heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

9. 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:

Specialist Four *John L. Taylor, Jr.*, US52852432, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism on 8 May 1968 while on duty with his platoon in the 17th Engineer Battalion motor pool, Fort Hood, Texas. The throttle and transmission linkage on one of the platoon's armored vehicle-launched bridges malfunctioned, resulting in a driverless runaway of the vehicle into the company vehicle park lanes. Without hesitation, Specialist *Taylor* gave chase to the armored vehicle-launched bridge. Completely disregarding his own safety, he attempted to board it but was prevented from doing so when it collided with a parked bridge-truck. The armored vehicle-launched bridge then crossed into an adjacent park lane and ran onto and over the beds of two flat-bed trailers. As it crossed over the bed of the first trailer, Specialist *Taylor*, displaying great personal courage, managed to leap aboard the deck of the armored vehicle-launched bridge. However, as it crossed onto the bed of the second trailer, the armored vehicle-launched bridge careened and tilted violently, and he was thrown from the vehicle. The armored vehicle-launched bridge then crossed into a third park lane. As it did, the right track-assembly locked, causing the vehicle to swing wildly in a tight circle. Specialist *Taylor*, again at great personal risk, jumped onto the rear deck and managed to reach the controls and shut down the vehicle. His quick and decisive actions prevented not only further costly damage to other vehicles in the path of the armored vehicle-launched bridge but also possible injury to the many personnel working in the motor pool area. The outstanding personal courage, initiative and stamina of Specialist *Taylor* reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

10. 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:

Warrant Officer Candidate *William R. Vaughn* (Specialist Five, RA15834323), United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism at approximately 1900 hours, 18 September 1968. While in the picnic grounds adjacent to the main heliport at Fort Wolters, Texas, Warrant Officer Candidate *Vaughn* observed a helicopter in an uncontrolled hover. The helicopter then crashed and was engulfed in flames. Warrant Officer Candidate *Vaughn*, thinking only of the safety of the pilot and completely disregarding his own safety and life, ran through the flames to the downed aircraft in order to free the trapped pilot. Warrant Officer Candidate *Vaughn* tore away the remains of the aircraft bubble, unbuckled the pilot's seatbelt, and pulled him from the wreckage to safety. Warrant Officer Candidate *Vaughn's* actions in thinking only of the pilot saved a fellow soldier from certain serious injury and possible death. Warrant Officer Candidate *Vaughn's* heroic action is in the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the military service, and the United States Army.

**XI. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.** 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 4 February 1944, a Bronze Star Medal with V-device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded to:

Master Sergeant *Herbert C. Goldstein* (then First Sergeant), 36323904, Air Corps, United States Army, while a member of the 421st Night Fighter Squadron (Separate), distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 2 November 1944. On the morning of 2 November 1944 an enemy bomb scored a direct hit on a house, seriously wounding three women. Hearing screams, Sergeant *Goldstein* with three other men immediately went to the scene, some four hundred yards away, crossing through a dark swamp. While corpsmen rendered first aid, Sergeant *Goldstein* secured stretcher bearers and directed the evacuation of the victims. As the enemy attack continued in the area Sergeant *Goldstein* completely disregarded his own personal safety and remained on duty assisting the Squadron Surgeon in treating and evacuating the wounded. His heroic perseverance set an exemplary standard of conduct and reflected great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, a Bronze Star Medal with V-device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Doan Van Nu*, 52/206.846 (then Captain), Army of the Republic of Vietnam, distinguished himself by heroic actions on 3 March 1964 while serving as Commander of the 1st Airborne Battalion, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date his unit was engaged in combat operations against Viet Cong Forces in Kien Phong Province. During the night of 2-3 March, the battalion secured its first objective. At daybreak the unit was moving toward the second objective across dried mudflats devoid of cover and concealment when a determined, well-entrenched enemy force consisting of two regular Viet Cong battalions suddenly attacked the airborne troops from three different directions with concentrated, accurate fires of small arms,

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automatic weapons, mortars, and recoilless rifles. Casualties mounted rapidly and the friendly troops were thrown into confusion. Colonel *Nu* immediately realized the gravity of the situation and the absolute necessity for rapid, effective counteraction. In the inferno of enemy fire, with total disregard for his own safety, Colonel *Nu* moved decisively, erectly, and conspicuously through the shattered unit, organizing his troops and establishing an increasingly effective base of fire. With the battalion command group in the lead and by fearless example he began the advance across the killing zone toward the enemy, constantly exhorting, encouraging, and inspiring the troops to shoot and move ahead. Under his superb leadership, the attack took form and gained momentum. The battalion, inspired and led by Colonel *Nu*, routed the enemy and turned a potential disaster into victory. Colonel *Nu*'s courageous and inspiring example on the battlefield, with total disregard of self, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

**XII--BRONZE STAR MEDAL.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, a Bronze Star Medal (meritorious service) in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded to:

Captain *Timothy R. Young*, O99035, Artillery, United States Army. September 1967 to July 1968.

**XIII--AIR MEDAL.** 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942, an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded by the Department of the Army to:

Specialist Five *Gary L. Blankenship*, RA19852341, United States Army. August 1968 to October 1968.

Sergeant First Class *Bernard P. Dresel*, RA17383516, United States Army. February 1968 to July 1968.

Major *George C. Dumas*, O86092, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. December 1965 to November 1966.

Captain *David L. Forte*, OF102184, Infantry, United States Army. June 1965 to September 1965.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942, an Air Medal (Seventeenth through Twenty-Second Oak Leaf Clusters) for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded by the Department of the Army to:

Chief Warrant Officer *David A. Harris*, W3150293, United States Army. 10 May 1968 to 12 October 1968.

**XIV--ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL.** 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (for meritorious service) is awarded to:

Specialist Five *Leif E. Adams*, RA52368574, United States Army. May 1959 to November 1968.

Specialist Six *Fred J. Agoney*, RA12244379, United States Army. April 1954 to December 1968.

Major *Robert J. K. Aldrich*, O5301937, Infantry, United States Army. August 1966 to December 1968.

Sergeant First Class *Robert C. Antuono*, NG22835387, United States Army. December 1966 to May 1968.

Specialist Five *Cecil Arnold*, RA12979662, United States Army. June 1967 to September 1968.

Staff Sergeant *Jerry E. Bearden*, RA17643589, United States Army. February 1963 to October 1968.

Captain *Carl E. Bergeron*, O5709822, Military Intelligence, United States Army. November 1967 to November 1968.

Chief Warrant Officer *Pete F. Bignotti*, W3101049, United States Army. March 1968 to November 1968.

Sergeant First Class *Troy S. Brown, Jr.*, RA14076127, United States Army. August 1967 to October 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert T. Browne*, O76965, Military Intelligence, United States Army. August 1967 to July 1968.

Staff Sergeant *William J. Cambio*, NG22834826, United States Army. January 1968 to May 1968.

Captain *Carlton E. Davis*, OF100573, Finance Corps, United States Army. July 1967 to December 1968.

Sergeant First Class *Howard Denton*, RA 55701920, United States Army. November 1964 to October 1968.

Specialist Five *Andrew S. Dreher*, US53429321, United States Army. January 1967 to August 1968.

Sergeant First Class *Cepha Drummond*, RA54227093, United States Army. October 1965 to September 1968.

Staff Sergeant *James E. Fetzner*, AF13700715, United States Air Force. December 1964 to July 1968.

Specialist Five *Grover T. Fox, Jr.*, RA13889033, United States Army. June 1966 to December 1968.

Captain *Robert D. Fulcher*, O87008/0802, United States Marine Corps. June 1966 to November 1968.

Platoon Sergeant *Robert Germani*, NG22835327, United States Army. January 1966 to May 1968.

Staff Sergeant *Sesh L. Granger*, AF14529601, United States Air Force. December 1964 to July 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Earl M. Hennen*, O954180, Infantry, United States Army. November 1964 to October 1968.

Captain *James G. Huse*, OF103377, Military Intelligence, United States Army. February 1968 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Douglas P. Hyatt*, O70389, Artillery, United States Army. September 1967 to September 1968.

Specialist Seven *Gary M. Johnson*, RA19329520, United States Army. March 1964 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *James J. Judd*, O69704, Artillery, United States Army. August 1966 to October 1968.

Specialist Five *William L. Kempiners*, US54812984, United States Army. August 1967 to November 1968.

Specialist Five *William J. Keown, II*, RA13980558, United States Army. October 1967 to November 1968.

Specialist Five *Ervin A. Kressley*, RA17741071, United States Army. September 1967 to December 1968.

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Sergeant First Class *Edgar O. LaPlante*, NG22808051, United States Army. January 1966 to May 1968.

Specialist Five *Edward S. Lamb*, US52911705, United States Army. February 1967 to October 1968.

Specialist Fifth Class *Robert W. Last*, US56454492, United States Army. March 1967 to October 1968.

Specialist Five *Terry L. Lauer*, US51915735, United States Army. January 1967 to October 1968.

Master Sergeant *Raymond O. Lilly*, RA15274125, United States Army. March 1965 to September 1968.

First Lieutenant *John J. McElroy*, O5023467, Artillery, United States Army. February 1967 to November 1968.

Chief Warrant Officer *Raymond N. McGhee*, W3400114, United States Army. September 1961 to April 1963.

Lieutenant Colonel *William L. McKeown*, O78971, Transportation Corps, United States Army. February 1967 to 1968.

Captain *Gerald R. Magliano*, O88382, United States Marine Corps. August 1966 to February 1968.

Master Sergeant *John Marsten*, RA12308476, United States Army. January 1968 to April 1968.

Captain *George R. May*, OF05315121, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. December 1965 to November 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Joseph O. Meerbott, Jr.*, O28352, Transportation Corps, United States Army. August 1967 to July 1968.

Sergeant First Class *Harold D. Meese*, RA52488815, United States Army. September 1965 to September 1968.

Second Lieutenant *John F. Melia*, O2331165, Military Police Corps, United States Army. August 1966 to May 1968.

Specialist Five *James L. Morgan*, US51828090, United States Army. April 1967 to November 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Marion H. Morris*, O2273329, Artillery, United States Army. May 1964 to August 1968.

First Lieutenant *John W. Nelson, III*, O2311435, Military Police Corps, United States Army. January 1966 to May 1968.

First Sergeant *Charles D. O'Malley*, NG11136895, United States Army. January 1966 to May 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert J. Redden*, O2265582, Military Intelligence, United States Army. April 1968 to August 1968.

Chief Warrant Officer *James A. Rember*, W2148221, United States Army. September 1963 to November 1968.

Specialist Five *Richard L. Remizowski*, RA11970838, United States Army. August 1966 to August 1968.

Major *Ronald G. Richardson*, O72877, United States Marine Corps. April 1967 to August 1968.

Specialist Five *Charles R. Robinson, Jr.*, RA18733484, United States Army. December 1965 to September 1968.

Major (then Captain) *Robert Rodriguez*, OF102612, Military Intelligence, United States Army. July 1966 to August 1968.

Colonel *Howard L. Sargent, Jr.*, O50586, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. September 1967 to August 1968.

Staff Sergeant Major *Paul S. Seidel*, RA33487332, United States Army. August 1961 to December 1968.

Specialist Five *Marshall C. Siner*, RA56395894, United States Army. April 1966 to November 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Chester E. South*, O997819, Ordnance Corps, United States Army. November 1967 to August 1968.

Gunnery Sergeant *Thomas F. Sparks*, 1129138, United States Marine Corps. August 1966 to May 1968.

Specialist Five *Thomas E. Sutton*, RA13876281, United States Army. February 1966 to September 1968.

Specialist Five *Ronald W. Theobald*, US54926111, United States Army. January 1967 to October 1968.

Major *Leonard L. Trainer*, O5010119, Signal Corps, United States Army. December 1965 to October 1968.

Major *Joseph E. Vercellone*, O99754, Signal Corps, United States Army. September 1966 to October 1968.

Sergeant *Raymond L. Walters, Jr.*, 2097905, United States Marine Corps. August 1966 to April 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Calvin G. Weaver*, O99641, Transportation Corps, United States Army. August 1967 to July 1968.

Staff Sergeant *William M. Welborn*, RA52191968, United States Army. April 1966 to October 1968.

Staff Sergeant *Carl S. Williams*, RA11423876, United States Army. February 1966 to November 1968.

Technical Sergeant *Albert F. Zarate*, AF11194661, United States Air Force. June 1964 to December 1968.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) (for meritorious service) is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Thomas J. Ambrose*, O71753, Infantry, United States Army. February 1966 to November 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *William B. Burdeshaw*, O68460, Artillery, United States Army. October 1966 to July 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *James E. Compton*, O4001522 (then Major), Infantry, United States Army. September 1967 to September 1968.

Sergeant First Class *Vernon A. Davis*, RA14455355, United States Army. September 1965 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Thomas E. deShazo, Jr.*, O70086, Artillery, United States Army. June 1966 to November 1968.

Master Sergeant *David H. Fox*, AF15284211, United States Air Force. July 1967 to December 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Lynwood B. Lennon*, O78943, Artillery, United States Army. September 1967 to July 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *John J. Luxemburger, Jr.*, O70414, Artillery, United States Army. August 1966 to September 1968.

Major *Thomas L. Miller*, O73796, Signal Corps, United States Army. August 1965 to September 1968.

Sergeant First Class *Ronald D. Scurry*, RA13671631, United States Army. October 1966 to November 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Thomas C. Stanton*, O91393, Military Intelligence, United States Army. July 1967 to June 1968.

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3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) (for meritorious service) is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert H. Chrisco*, O72841, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. March 1967 to October 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Archie W. Summers*, O60237, Infantry, United States Army. October 1967 to October 1968.

4. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) (for meritorious service) is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles D. Hargreaves*, O60875, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. June 1964 to May 1968.

Lieutenant Colonel *Jack B. McGurk*, O82056, Artillery, United States Army. September 1967 to September 1968.

Master Sergeant *Phillip W. Ragsdale*, RA25356805, United States Army. January 1967 to December 1968.

5. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (for meritorious achievement) is awarded to:

Chief Warrant Officer *Robert J. Rea*, W2216280, United States Army. 10 August 1968.

**XV. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.** So much of paragraph 2, section I, General Orders Number 44, Headquarters, Department of the Army, dated 22 August 1968, as pertains to award of the Distinguished Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to Major General *Frank M. Izenour*, O21263, United States Army, is amended to include: (This award supersedes the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) awarded to Major General *Frank M. Izenour* for meritorious service during the period May 1967 to June 1968, as announced in General Orders Number 90, Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, APO San Francisco 96301, dated 8 June 1968).

**XVI. LEGION OF MERIT.** So much of paragraph 1, section V, General Orders Number 33, Headquarters, Department of the Army, dated 26 July 1967, as pertains to award of the Legion of Merit to Major General *Charles P. Brown*, O23544, United States Army, as reads "Legion of Merit" is amended to read "Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster)."

**XVII. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL.** 1. So much of paragraph 1, section XXI, General Orders Number 57, Headquarters, Department of the Army, dated 17 October 1968, as pertains to award of the Army Commendation Medal to Captain *John T. Klausner, Jr.*, O5707064, Ordnance Corps, United States Army, as reads "O5707064" is amended to read "OF108226."

2. So much of paragraph 3, section XI, General Orders Number 18, Headquarters, Department of the Army, dated 24 April 1968, as pertains to award of the Army Commendation Medal to Sergeant Major *Henry G. Morrison*, RA14265122, United States Army, as reads "Sergeant Major *Henry G. Morrison*," is amended to read "Sergeant Major *Henry C. Morrison*, RA14265122, United States Army."



3. So much of paragraph 3, section XXI, General Orders Number 50, Headquarters, Department of the Army, dated 26 September 1968, as pertains to award of the Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) to Lieutenant Colonel *Donald E. Sawyer*, O85373, Infantry, United States Army, as reads "Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)" is amended to read "Army Commendation Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster)."

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

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