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AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR



By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918, and act of 25 July 1963), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded posthumously by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:



First Lieutenant *John E. Warren, Jr.*, Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself at the cost of his life above and beyond the call of duty on 14 January 1969, while serving as a platoon leader with Company C, 2d Battalion, 22d Infantry, 25th Infantry Division in Tay Ninh Province, Republic of Vietnam. On this date while moving through a rubber plantation to reinforce another friendly unit, Company C came under intense fire from a well-fortified enemy force. Disregarding his own safety, Lieutenant *Warren* with several of his men began maneuvering through the hail of enemy fire toward the hostile positions. When he had come to within six feet of one of the enemy bunkers and was preparing to toss a hand grenade into it, an enemy grenade was suddenly thrown into the middle of his small group. Thinking only of his men, Lieutenant *Warren* fell in the direction of the grenade, thus shielding those around him from the blast. His action, performed at the cost of his own life, saved three men from serious or mortal injury. First Lieutenant *Warren's* ultimate action of sacrifice to save the lives of his men was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army. (This supersedes award of the Silver Star to Lieutenant *Warren* for gallantry in action on 14 January 1969 as announced in 25th Infantry Division General Orders 1243, 1969.)



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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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