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

Brigadier General Irdachew Imshaw, Ethiopian National Police. From 1941 to 1970.

**II. 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 (posthumously) to:

Second Lieutenant *Kurt C. Heady*, , Armor, United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life while serving as mission commander during a Military Assistance Safety and Traffic medical evacuation flight near North Bend, Washington, on 4 September 1970. On that date Lieutenant *Heady* voluntarily responded to a request from the Washington State Patrol for a helicopter to evacuate a seriously injured motorist from an accident site located in a narrow valley bordered by 5,000-foot mountains. Disregarding the extremely hazardous flying conditions caused by extreme darkness and adverse weather, Lieutenant *Heady* twice attempted to locate the injured motorist. During the second attempt, his helicopter crashed, killing the occupants. Lieutenant *Heady* sacrificed his life attempting to save the life of another individual. By his courageous action, humanitarian regard for his fellow man, and dedication of service to his country, Second Lieutenant *Heady* has reflected great credit on himself and the United States Army.

**III. 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 (posthumously) to:

Specialist Five *John M. Rudock*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life while serving as medical corpsman during a Military Assistance Safety and Traffic medical evacuation flight near North Bend, Washington, on 4 September 1970. On that date Specialist *Rudock* voluntarily responded to a request from the Washington State Patrol for a helicopter to evacuate a seriously injured motorist from an accident site located in a narrow valley bordered by 5,000-foot mountains. Disregarding the extremely hazardous flying conditions caused by extreme darkness and adverse weather, Specialist *Rudock* twice attempted to locate the

injured motorist. During the second attempt the helicopter crashed, killing the occupants. Specialist Five *Rudock* sacrificed his life while attempting to save the life of another individual. By his courageous action, humanitarian regard for his fellow man, and dedication of service to his country, Specialist Five *Rudock* has reflected great credit on himself and the United States Army.

**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 (posthumously) to:

Specialist Five *Gerald Rybacki*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life while serving as crew chief during a Military Assistance Safety and Traffic medical evacuation flight near North Bend, Washington, on 4 September 1970. On that date Specialist *Rybacki* voluntarily responded to a request from the Washington State Patrol for a helicopter to evacuate a seriously injured motorist from an accident site located in a narrow valley bordered by 5,000-foot mountains. Disregarding the extremely hazardous flying conditions caused by extreme darkness and adverse weather, Specialist *Rybacki* twice attempted to locate the injured motorist. During the second attempt the helicopter crashed, killing the occupants. Specialist *Rybacki* sacrificed his life attempting to save the life of another individual. By his courageous action, humanitarian regard for his fellow man, and dedication of service to his country, Specialist Five *Rybacki* has reflected great credit on himself and the United States Army.

**V--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:

Specialist Four *Lindsay G. Bales*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, Jolon, California on 24 June 1971. On that date while driving to his company area, Specialist *Bales* witnessed an automobile crash at the Jolon-King City entrance to the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation. Halting his car, he immediately ran to the scene of the accident, kicked in the window on the passenger's side, and dragged the driver and passenger from the vehicle, which had burst into flames. Both men were trapped in the vehicle and would have perished had it not been for Specialist *Bales'* quick actions. Following the removal of the two occupants from the burning vehicle to the King City hospital, Specialist *Bales* was treated at the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation Dispensary for second-degree burns sustained in this spectacular rescue operation. Specialist *Bales'* presence of mind, courage, and disregard for his own life in this hazardous situation prevented the loss of two lives. By his courageous action, humanitarian regard for his fellow man, and dedication of service to his country, Specialist Four *Bales* has reflected great credit on himself and the United States Army.

**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:

Sergeant First Class *Gary L. Foster*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at Colorado Springs, Colorado on 29 June 1971. On that date at approximately 1400

hours two brothers became stranded 150 feet up the west face of Kissing Camel Rock in the Garden of the Gods, after having seen their sister slip on loose stones and fall to her death. Upon arriving on the scene as a member of the Fort Carson Mountain Rescue Team, Sergeant *Foster*, disregarding the danger to his life, climbed the east face of the rock with his team members and then rappelled 100 feet down the west face to the stranded brothers. Sergeant *Foster* confidently reassured the boys, placed the teenage boy in a seat rappel, and calmly assisted him over the loose, hazardous rocks down the rappel rope. He then tied the 9-year-old boy into a seat rappel and to his own body and rappelled down the extremely hazardous east face 150 feet to the bottom. His outstanding act of courage reduced the possibility of further tragedy in this family and probably saved the lives of the two brothers. By his courageous action, humanitarian regard for his fellow man, and dedication of service to his country, Sergeant First Class *Foster* has reflected great credit on himself, his unit, 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:

Specialist Four *Darrell A. Landry*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroism involving risk of life at Panama City, Florida on 12 July 1971. On that date Specialist *Landry* immediately responded to a call for help from individuals caught in an ocean undertow and risked his life several times in succession to save the lives of a fellow soldier and four other individuals. Specialist *Landry* distinguished himself by his great strength and swimming ability after analyzing an emergency situation and then taking immediate action. By his courageous action, humanitarian regard for his fellow man, and dedication of service to his country, Specialist Four *Landry* has reflected great credit on himself and the United States Army.

**VI. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.** 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1972, a Bronze Star Medal (Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster) with "V" device for heroism in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant *George C. Bass*, , Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action on 6 March 1971 while serving as Commanding Officer of Company B, 2d Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in the Republic of Vietnam. Landing at a small landing zone in War Zone D, Lieutenant *Bass* joined three squads of one of his platoons that had made contact with elements of an enemy battalion 2 hours earlier. He decided to join the one squad that was at the contact site, approximately 400 meters distant. Leaving one squad to secure the landing zone, he positioned himself between two squads and led them in the direction of the contact. While moving through thick brush approximately 150 meters from the landing zone, he heard sounds to his right. Knowing that there were no friendly forces in that direction, he moved toward the noise. As he did so he was struck by the full force of an antipersonnel mine and fell mortally wounded as the enemy engaged his two squads with automatic weapons fire. First Lieutenant *Bass's* courage, aggressiveness, and leadership by example were in the highest traditions of the military service and reflected great credit on him and the United States Army.

2. Section II, Department of the Army General Orders Number 11, 1972, pertaining to award of the Bronze Star Medal (Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster) with "V" device to First Lieutenant *George C. Bass*, Infantry, United States Army, for actions on 6 March 1971, is revoked.

**VII. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL.** 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:

Lieutenant Colonel *Egon Fischer*, German Air Force, July 1967 to July 1971.

Captain *Spyridon Stamatiou*, Hellenic Army, June 1968 to September 1971.

**VIII. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.** So much of section IV, General Orders Number 97, Headquarters 1st Armored Division, APO 251, United States Army, 1945, as pertains to award of the Bronze Star Medal to Brigadier General *Edwin L. Powell, Jr.*, SSN (then Captain, O-23689, Corps of Engineers), United States Army, as reads: "Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service", is amended to read: "Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for heroism".

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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