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**I. REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS UNIT CITATION.**

1. The award of the Gallantry Cross Unit Citation by the Republic of Vietnam to the units listed below is confirmed.

2. With Palm for service in Vietnam from 8 February 1962 to 28 March 1973 HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND and its subordinate units.

Citation reads as follows:

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND and its subordinate units performed splendidly in the Republic of Vietnam from 8 February 1962 to 28 March 1973. It advised and supported the Vietnamese Army, Navy and Air Force while enhancing their combat capabilities, allowing for the successful completion of important and continuing search and destroy military operations. These actions resulted in the annihilation or routing of regular, large size North Vietnamese Army units by Republic of Vietnam troops. Aside from its combat-related support role, the UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND contributed toward the establishment and modernization of critical military bases, assuring that the varied and many construction programs were being accomplished. Additionally, this American force greatly assisted the South Vietnamese people in the realization of a higher standard of living through its medical and civic action programs for war victims, refugees, troops, orphans, and widows. Most noteworthy was the monumental efforts put forth by the UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND in the Vietnamization Program, resulting in a smooth and efficient transfer of military bases and equipment to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces. The result of such laudable actions by this group of dedicated individuals has been the installation of a proud and confident spirit in the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces which will allow for the continuation of a determined effort to hold back the Communist aggressor and assuring that this Southeast Asian country survives in a free and democratic atmosphere. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by members of the UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

This citation is accompanied by award of the Gallantry Cross with Palm to the Headquarters, United States Military Assistance Command and former commanders named as follows:

General *Paul D. Harkins* (from Feb 8, 1962 to June 20, 1964)  
 General *W. C. Westmoreland* (from June 21, 1964 to July 3, 1968)  
 General *Creighton W. Abrams* (from July 4, 1968 to June 29, 1972)  
 General *Fred C. Weyand* (from June 30, 1972 to March 28, 1973)

3. With Palm for service from 20 July 1965 to 28 March 1973.

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM and its subordinate units

Citation reads as follows:

The UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM and subordinate units performed both significantly and heroically while serving in the Republic of Vietnam from 20 July 1965 to 28 March 1973. This dedicated and magnificent force was able to endure great sacrifices and overcome every difficulty while assisting the Vietnamese people in their struggle against a determined Communist aggressor. Its valor on the field of combat contributed significantly toward establishing an American military heritage which will no doubt prove difficult to either equal or surpass. By an outstanding performance of duty in all of its endeavors, this efficient military organization was able to successfully complete such large-scale operations as MASHER, BIRMINGHAM, CEDAR FALLS and JUNCTION CITY against a determined and often well-equipped North Vietnamese Army force. In addition to its aforementioned exploits, the UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM will be long remembered for its direct support role to the Republic of Vietnam troops who were actively engaged in the destruction of Communist military base camps and supply depots in both Cambodia and Laos. Its contribution toward the economical development of Vietnam was of sufficiently noteworthy scale as to endear the memory of this well-tried and proven force in the hearts of all the peoples of South Vietnam. Through the interjection of numerous civic action programs, the UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM was able to depart Southeast Asia with a feeling of true accomplishment. Its many sacrifices in that part of the world have assured the Vietnamese government that it may reign over a free and democratic populace without fear of Communist aggression or takeover. The truly remarkable accomplishments of the UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

This citation is accompanied by award of the Gallantry Cross with Palm to the Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam and former commanders named as follows:

Brigadier General *D. M. Oden*  
 Major General *John Norton*  
 Lieutenant General *Jean E. Engler*  
 Lieutenant General *Bruce Palmer, Jr.*  
 Lieutenant General *Frank T. Mildren*  
 Lieutenant General *William J. McCaffrey*  
 Major General *Morgan G. Roseborough*

4. With Palm for service from 1 November 1970 to 18 December 1971 2D SQUADRON, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY and its subordinate and attached units:

155th mm Howitzer Battery  
 919th Engineer Company  
 37th Medical Company  
 398th Transportation Detachment  
 124th Maintenance Detachment

5. Added by GO 16, Sect V, 1975  
**II. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.** 1. So much of Section IV, Paragraph 1, DA General Orders 32, 1973 pertaining to the Meritorious Unit Commendation to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade and attached units as reads "57th Aviation Detachment" is amended to read "5th Aviation Detachment."

2. So much of Section IV, Paragraph 3, DA General Orders 32, 1973, pertaining to the Meritorious Unit Commendation to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 18th Military Police Brigade and assigned and attached units as reads "483d Military Police Company" is amended to read "483d Military Platoon."

**III. REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CIVIL ACTIONS MEDAL UNIT CITATION.** 1. Section III, Paragraph 4, DA General Orders 51, 1971 pertaining to the Civil Actions Medal to the 25th Infantry Division and its assigned and attached units is amended to add:

"104th Engineer Company (For the period 23 November 1967 to 14 February 1969)

501st Engineer Company (For the period 1 November 1968 to 26 April 1969)

554th Engineer Battalion (For the period 20 April 1967 to 21 January 1970)"

2. So much of Section VII, Paragraph 4, DA General Orders 32, 1973, pertaining to the Palm to the 34th General Support Group and its assigned and attached units as reads "166th Aviation Detachment" is amended to read "166th Maintenance Detachment" and to delete "142d Transportation Company" after "United States Army Aviation Materiel Management Center."

**IV. UNITS CREDITED WITH ASSAULT LANDINGS.** Section II, Paragraph 8, War Department General Orders 70, 1945 pertaining to Southern France (amphibious) is amended to delete "3408th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company."

**V. VIETNAM CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDITS.** 1. Section III, Paragraph 3, DA General Orders 83, 1968 pertaining to the Vietnam Defense Campaign is amended to delete "15th Medical Detachment."

2. Section IV, Paragraph 3, DA General Orders 83, 1968 pertaining to Vietnam Counteroffensive Campaign is amended to delete "15th Medical Detachment."

3. Section V, Paragraph 3, DA General Orders 83, 1968 pertaining to Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase II Campaign is amended to delete "15th Medical Detachment."

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**VI. PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.** So much of Section XIII, DA General Orders 11, 1973 as reads:

“UNITED STATES ARMY DISASTER ASSISTANCE RELIEF TEAM  
(DART)

UNITED STATES ARMY ELM-JUSMAG PHILIPPINES  
USASTRATCOM FIELD-PHILIPPINES”

is amended to add: “UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT ELM-PHILIPPINES.”

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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*General, United States Army*  
*Chief of Staff*

Official:

VERNE L. BOWERS  
*Major General, United States Army*  
*The Adjutant General*

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