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I. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 9-20, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded the following units of the Armed Forces of the United States for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

**THE 525TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP
(1 January 1971 to 5 March 1973)**

and the following assigned and attached units:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 525TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP

(1 January 1971 to 5 March 1973)

**571ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT
(1 January 1971 to 12 February 1973)**

**572D MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT
(1 January 1971 to 16 February 1973)**

**573D MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT
(1 January 1971 to 12 February 1973)**

**574TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT
(1 January 1971 to 12 February 1973)**

**575TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT
(1 January 1971 to 5 March 1973)**

**519TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION
(1 January 1971 to 18 October 1972)**

**358TH AVIATION DETACHMENT
(1 January 1971 to 5 March 1973)**

**504TH SIGNAL DETACHMENT
(1 January 1971 to 12 February 1973)**

Awarded to all Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps personnel who may have been attached to and serving with the 525th Military Intelligence Group and its assigned and attached units. (So much of Section I, General Orders Number 2, 1976, Headquarters, Department of the Army, as pertains to the award of

the Meritorious Unit Commendation to The 525th Military Intelligence Group, United States Army, Vietnam, Military Assistance Command Vietnam, Support Command, and its attached and assigned units are revoked).

II. 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 to:

Staff Sergeant *Leslie A. Chapman*, , United States Army, for action from 16 to 18 February 1971, while a member of Reconnaissance Team Python, Republic of Vietnam. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

Captain *Dennis G. Wallin*, , Infantry, United States Army, for action from 23 to 26 April 1972, while a member of the 9th Airborne Battalion, Airborne Division, Republic of Vietnam. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

III. SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, a Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant *Michael B. Checchia*, , (then Private First Class), United States Army, for action on 16 September 1968, while a member of 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company B, 2-60 Infantry, 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

Captain *Joe C. Creel*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, for action on 23 to 24 February 1969, while a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, Republic of Vietnam. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

IV. 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 Commander) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Major General *Fidel V. Ramos*, Republic of the Philippines, 1952 to 1976.

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 Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Major General *Yoon Heung Jung*, , Republic of Korea Army, December 1971 to January 1973. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

Major General *Carlos Samaniego Ripoll*, Spanish Army, May 1973 to June 1975.

Brigadier General *Cho Joo Tae*, , Republic of Korea Army, April 1972 to February 1973. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

V. DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, a Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary heroism while participating in aerial flight is awarded by the Department of the Army to:

Staff Sergeant *William C. H. Gantar*, (then Captain) United States Army, for heroism on 10 and 11 May 1972, while a member of the 129th Assault Helicopter Company. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

VI. 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:

Staff Sergeant *James E. Bilderbeck*, for heroism on 28 June 1975, while a member of The United States Logistics Group, Detachment 33-2.

Specialist Five *Hollis W. Cate*, United States Army, for heroism on 22 July 1975, while a member of the 114th Aviation Company.

Sergeant First Class *Leslie L. Gaspar*, United States Army, for heroism on 12 September 1975, while a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Signal Group, United States Communications Command.

Staff Sergeant *Joe D. Jacobs*, United States Army, for heroism on 29 January 1975, while a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 2d Armored Division.

Specialist Five *Ruben J. Johnivan*, United States Army, for heroism on 22 July 1975, while a member of the United States Army Communications Command Agency.

Specialist Four *Kenneth M. Post*, United States Army, for heroism on 26 January 1975, while a member of the 890th Military Police Company.

Specialist Four *Eugene G. Sherburne*, United States Army, for heroism on 22 November 1975, while a member of the 241st Military Police Company.

Chief Warrant Officer *Robert E. Streeter*, United States Army, for heroism on 18 July 1975, while a member of the 725th Maintenance Battalion.

Chief Warrant Officer *Gerald W. Whitt*, United States Army, for heroism on 29 September 1975, while a member of the 62d Engineer Battalion.

VII. BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, a Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device for heroism in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded to:

Sergeant First Class *Billy P. Buty*, (then Staff Sergeant), United States Army, for heroism on 12 November 1965, while a member of Troop A, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, Republic of Vietnam. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

Master Sergeant *Joseph J. D. Callahan*, United States Army, for heroism from 23 to 29 April 1975, while a member of Operations Directorate, United States Army Intelligence Agency.

Captain *Andrew G. Gembara*, Military Intelligence, United States Army, for heroism from 27 to 29 April 1975, while a member of Detachment K, 500th Military Intelligence Group.

Major *Lawrence J. McCollum*, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroism from 25 September 1971 to 2 October 1972, while a member

of the 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery, United States Army, Vietnam. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

Captain *Charles R. Stichter II*, , United States Marine Corps, for heroism on 25 October 1968, while a member of G-2 Section, Third Marine Division, Republic of Vietnam. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, a Bronze Star Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) with "V" Device for heroism in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *John O. Neal, Jr.*, , Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroism on 19 February 1975, while a member of the Military Equipment Delivery Team, Cambodia.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, a Bronze Star Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) with "V" Device for heroism in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded to:

Sergeant First Class *Joseph E. Morley*, , United States Army, for heroism from 21 to 22 March 1975, while a member of the Military Equipment Delivery Team, Cambodia.

4. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during operations against hostile forces is awarded to:

Special Colonel *Chouwidh Ch. Sorapong*, , Royal Thai Army, for meritorious service from May 1972 to January 1973. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

VIII. AIR MEDAL. 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, and Air Medal with "V" Device for heroism while participating in aerial flight is awarded by the Department of the Army to:

Captain *Robert L. Acklen, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States Army, for action on 15 January 1969, while a member of the 189th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter). This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

IX. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 2-18, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service is awarded to:

Major *Cesar E. Barrios*, , Colombian Army, December 1972 to December 1973. This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 1-13, AR 672-5-1.

Lieutenant Colonel *Delfino Palmarin Cordero*, , Army of the United States of Mexico, 23 August 1973 to 15 May 1975.

X. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. 1. So much of paragraph 13, Section III, General Orders Number 13, 1974, Headquarters, Department of the Army, as pertains to the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to, as reads, "Special Troops, Headquarters, United States Army Element, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam," is amended to read "Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Special Troops," and is further amended to add "Awarded to all United States Army, United States Air Force, United States

Navy, and United States Marine Corps personnel who may have been attached to and serving with Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Special Troops, during the period 1 January 1972 to 28 March 1973."

2. So much of paragraph 3, Section II, General Orders Number 24, 1975, Headquarters, Department of the Army, as pertains to the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to The United States Army Procurement Agency, Hawaii, as reads "1 November 1972 to 1 March 1972," is amended to read "1 November 1972 to 1 March 1974."

XI. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. So much of paragraph 2, Section X, General Orders Number 2, 1976, Headquarters, Department of the Army, as pertains to the award of the Army Commendation with "V" Device for heroism to:

Sergeant Major <i>Guenther Bayer</i> ,	, Army of the Federal
Republic of Germany.	
Lieutenant Colonel <i>Sachio Genkawa</i> ,	, Japan Ground Self De-
fense Force.	
Captain <i>Klaus Gilbert</i> , PK	, Army of the Federal Repub-
lic of Germany.	
Sergeant Major <i>Klaus Havelka</i> ,	, Army of the Federal
Republic of Germany.	
Sergeant Major <i>Paul Hering</i> ,	, Army of the Federal
Republic of Germany.	
Lieutenant Colonel <i>Heinz J. A. Hofmann</i> ,	, Army of the
Federal Republic of Germany.	
Master Sergeant <i>Michael Israel</i> ,	Army of the Federal
Republic of Germany.	
Major <i>Serge Kononenko</i> ,	, French Army.
Lieutenant Colonel <i>Rene Perez Negrete</i> ,	, Chilean Army.
Major <i>Peter Karl Noack</i> ,	, German Air Force.
Lieutenant Colonel <i>Peter Riedel</i> ,	Army of the Federal Republic
of Germany.	
Captain <i>Manoel A. Rocha</i> ,	, Brazilian Army.
Major <i>Jose A. Sandoval</i> ,	, Colombian Army.
Lieutenant Colonel <i>Georges Savels</i> ,	, Belgian Army.
Lieutenant Colonel <i>Freddy G. Socorro</i> ,	, National Guard, of
Venezuela.	
Master Sergeant <i>Dieter F. Stebens</i> ,	, Army of the
Federal Republic of Germany.	
Sergeant First Class <i>Herman Tietgen</i> ,	, Army of the
Federal Republic of Germany.	
Lieutenant Commander <i>Jose D. Tomas</i> ,	, Uruguayan Navy.
Colonel <i>Alfredo Thomas Torres-Araujo</i> ,	Venezuelan Army.
Sergeant First Class <i>Florice! Vega</i> ,	Army of Paraguay.
Lieutenant Colonel <i>Hugo Salas Wenzel</i> ,	, Army of Chile.

as reads "Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device for heroism," is amended to read, "Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service."

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