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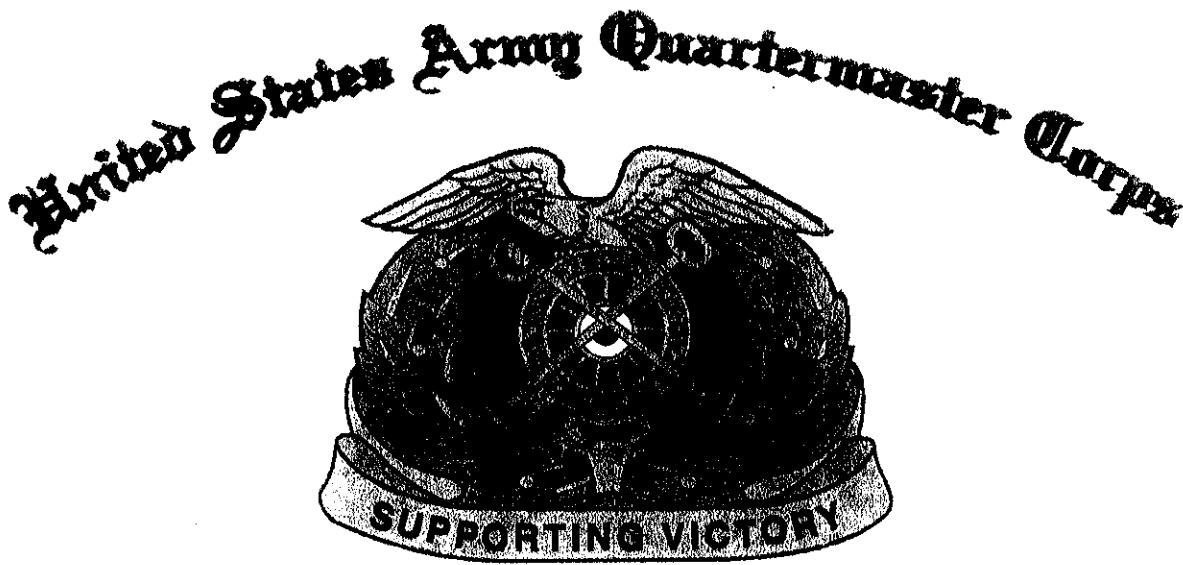
BANEY RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MILITARY AWARD

On the eve of the thirtieth anniversary of his death in Vietnam, Sgt. Charles Lynn Baney has been inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment at Fort Lee, Virginia. In a solemn and moving dinner ceremony, the 45th Quartermaster General, Major General James M. Wright presented Mrs. Lucy Baney a commendation and a plaque honoring her son for his service in Vietnam as a parachute rigger in the US Army's 109th Quartermaster Air Delivery Company. Baney was killed on October 15, 1967 in the crash of an Air Force C-130 on its final approach of an airdrop mission to the beleagured Marine garrison at Khe Sanh. The presentation was accompanied by a standing ovation of some 400 attendees including the top leadership of the Quartermaster Corps. Accompanying Mrs. Baney in accepting the award were Baney's sister, Sandra Johnson of Warsaw and Baney's commanding officer, retired Colonel Albert B. Lanier of Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Distinguished Member of the Regiment award recognizes military and civilians (active and retired) for their outstanding performance and distinguished contributions to the Quartermaster Corps. A plaque with the names of all Distinguished Members of the Regiment is prominently displayed in Mifflin Hall at Ft. Lee, the home of the Quartermaster Corps.

Baney, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Marion Baney and a graduate of Warsaw Community High School, entered the US Army in 1965. He was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; Ft. Benning, Georgia; and Ft. Campbell, Kentucky prior to being assigned to Vietnam in July of 1967. He successfully completed the Army Infantry Basic Course; Army Airborne School; and Parachute Packing, Maintenance and Air Delivery School. He was awarded the Parachute Badge, Parachute Riggers Badge; National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. As an elite "red cap" parachute rigger assigned to the 109th QM Company, he assisted in the preparation and parachute delivery of supplies and equipment to units that had been cut off from normal methods of resupply. It was in this role, flying as an on-board parachute rigger, that Sgt. Baney was killed in action during the heighth of the Vietnam conflict. Lanier said, "Baney was an outstanding young soldier that demonstrated the highest traditions of the Parachute Riggers, the Quartermaster Corps, and the US Army. He provided an outstanding role model that was worthy of immulation by his peers. I was extremely proud to have him as a member of the 109th which established the US Army's still standing airdrop record during 1967-1968. Sgt. Baney was an integral part of the US Army's flexible response unit that had been centrally stationed at Cam Ranh Bay by General William C. Westmoreland in 1966 to provide emergency logistical supply throughout the country."

In addition to Mrs. Baney, and Sandra Johnson, Baney is survived by sister Amy Sills and brother Donald Lockridge as well as numerous relatives from the Warsaw area. Sgt. Baney is interred at Legion Circle in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.



TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETINGS:
KNOW YE, THAT BY VIRTUE OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND
THE CONFIRMED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRADITIONS OF
EXCELLENCE AND ESPRIT DE CORPS OF
THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS

SGT Charles Baney
IS APPOINTED AS A
DISTINGUISHED MEMBER
OF
THE QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE 1997

**JAMES M. WRIGHT
MAJOR GENERAL, U.S. ARMY
THE 45th QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**