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*Decree of the Minister of National Defense*

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
MINISTRY OF NATION DEFENSE

# 543C/QP/ND

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Considering:

- RVN constitutional Act, dated 1 April 1967, modified by Law # 001/74, 22 Jan 74;
- Decree # 394-TT/SL, 1 Sep 69 and pertinent documents, especially Decree # 130-TT/SL, 18 Feb 74, prescribing the composition of the Government of Vietnam;
- Decree # 614-a/TT/SL, 1 Jul 70 and subsequent documents setting forth the system for organization of the National Defense and Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces;
- Decree # 171-SL/CT, 5 Jun 64, creating the Army Distinguished Service Order;
- Decree # 121-TT/ND, 5 Aug 72, specifying the degree, shape, procedures for wearing and prerequisites for awarding the Army Distinguished Service Order;
- Recommendations made by Joint General Staff, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (Report # 9720/TTM/TQT/K.HChg, 28 Jun 74);

D E C R E E S

Article 1. The Army Distinguished Service Order, Second Class, is hereby awarded to:

- COLONEL EDWARD P. METZNER, SN , Chief of JGS Liaison Section, Defense Attaché Office, Vietnam.

Colonel Metzner is a field grade officer of high caliber, who distinguished himself by resourceful capability and experience in staff and specialized fields.

While serving in Vietnam from February 1973 to this date, Colonel Edward P. Metzner worked in close cooperation with J3 and Joint Operations Center, Joint General Staff, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, on the study of significant plans such as: conduct of major operations to maintain territorial security, improvement of anti-armor capability, development and utilization of sensors in the RVNAF to discover timely enemy infiltration, collection and providing of information concerning friendly and enemy activities. The information he furnished was instrumental in providing a sound basis for the RVNAF to assess the operational situation.

In addition, Colonel Metzner coordinated regularly with Headquarters of VNAF and VNN in matters pertaining to establishment of plans to move RVNAF units to the battle field as reinforcements with the purpose of defeating NVA violations of the Ceasefire Agreement, thus bringing magnificent results to the RVNAF.

Article 2. The Chief of Joint General Staff, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, is charged with the execution of this Decree.

Saigon, 8 July 1974

TRAN THIEN KHIEM  
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(Signed and Sealed)