

HEADQUARTERS
1ST AVIATION BRIGADE
APO San Francisco 96307

"NGUY HIEM"

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 2523

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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

Awarded: Air Medal (Thirteenth Oak Leaf Cluster) with "V" Device. Section I
Air Medal (Twenty-Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster) with "V"
Device..... Section II

Date action: 15 January 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while engaged in aerial flight in connection with military operations against a hostile force: These men distinguished themselves by heroic actions on 15 January 1967, in the Republic of Vietnam. They were serving as crew members aboard a 121st Assault Helicopter Company transport helicopter in support of the 21st Infantry Division (ARVN). Throughout the morning and afternoon hours many primary and reinforcing troop lifts into various landing zones were completed. Their outstanding performance and suppressive fire when confronted with intense enemy fire prevented injury to the helicopter crew. At night fall, their aircraft was assigned to a flight to perform a dangerous aeromedical evacuation mission. Throughout the perilous flight their continual alertness, knowledge of their aircraft and ability to use their weapons to the optimum were directly responsible in preventing damage to aircraft or injury to crew members. Even when the landing zone was receiving enemy fire, they continued to walk in the open to carry the seriously wounded to their aircraft. Their valorous and professional actions demonstrated unparalleled devotion to duty. Their actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon themselves, their unit and the United States Army.

Authority: 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 United States Army Vietnam Message 16695 dated 4 July 1966.

Section I

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE (THIRTEENTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

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Section II

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE (TWENTY-FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

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