

**RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR MERIT**  
(Submit in three copies)

<b>FROM:</b> (Cdr) 4th Inf 35th Arty 4th Inf Div Arty APO SF 96262	<b>TO:</b> Commanding General 4th Infantry Division ATTN: AVDDH-AGD APO SF 96262	<b>FROM:</b> Commanding Officer 4th Inf Co (Air Dog Troop) 4th Infantry Division APO San Francisco 96278
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1. NAME: (last, first, MI) <b>SCHACHTER, David F.</b>	2. SSN, SSAN: <b>US 53529696</b>	3. GRADE <b>Sgt E-6</b>	4. BRANCH: (MOS-EM) <b>11520</b>
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5. AGE (nearest year) <b>21</b>	6. CATEGORY 1-Y PERSONNEL: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. MONTHS IN RVN: (nearest month) <b>5</b>	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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9. ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF ACTION: <b>40th Infantry Platoon (Scout Troop) APO San Francisco 96278</b>	10. ACTION OF FINAL APPROVING AUTHORITY: <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;"><u>APPROVAL</u></td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;"><u>DISAPPROVAL</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;"><u>UPGRADE</u></td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;"><u>DOWNGRADE</u></td> </tr> </table>	<u>APPROVAL</u>	<u>DISAPPROVAL</u>	<u>UPGRADE</u>	<u>DOWNGRADE</u>
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**11. AWARD INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDED FOR:**

<input type="checkbox"/> DSC	<input type="checkbox"/> ACM "V"	<input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE	POLICE AWARD  None
<input type="checkbox"/> GS	<input type="checkbox"/> LM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACHIEVEMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> DFC	<input type="checkbox"/> BS		
<input type="checkbox"/> SM	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> OAK LEAF CLUSTER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AC "V"	<input type="checkbox"/> ACM		
<input type="checkbox"/> AM "V"	<input type="checkbox"/> PH		

(For Air Medal Only Attach USARV Form 131-R)

12. DATE OF SERVICE - MERIT: DATE(S) OF ACTION - VALOR: <b>14 May 1969</b>	13. DEROS: <b>N/A</b>	14. CURRENT ORGANIZATION: <b>40th Infantry Platoon (Scout Troop) APO San Francisco 96278</b>
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**15. PREVIOUS AWARDS (PH and Higher)**

DECORATION	DATE OF ACTION OR SERVICE	AUTHORITY
<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**16. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR THE SAME ACTION: (State Name and Award)**

None

**17. NAMES OF WITNESSES:**

**CPT Ernest A. Rotard, Commanding Officer, "D" Co, 1st Bn, 35th Inf.  
 PFC Thomas Cleore  
 PFC Ronald Catlett**

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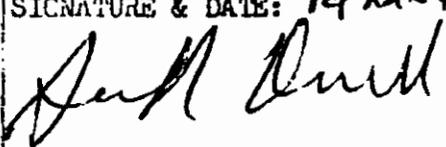
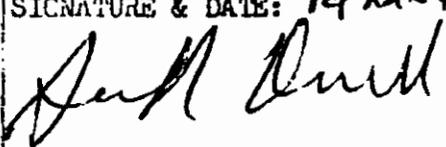
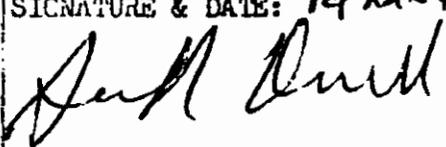
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**RECOMMENDING DESCRIPTION:** (For all awards describe in detail what individual did to merit the decoration. For valor award describe in detail the mission, terrain and weather, enemy conditions and friendly casualties. Use plain bond paper for continuation sheet if necessary.)

Specialist Four David F. Schachner, US 53 529 696, 406th Infantry Platoon (Scout Co), distinguished himself valorously while engaged in military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 14 May 1969.

Specialist Four Schachner gave his life and that of his scout dog while supporting "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry on a search and destroy mission near Oasis. Specialist Schachner and his scout dog (M499) were working with the point element when an anti-personnel mine was detonated, leaving Specialist Schachner and Hector mortally wounded.

Specialist Schachner's actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

<p>19. ENCLOSURES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Readiness statement</li> <li>1 Proposed citation</li> </ul>	<p>20. INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="544 1449 1015 1640"> <p>NAME, GRADE, POSITION:            David F. Schachner            SFT, Infantry            Commanding</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1015 1449 1555 1640"> <p>SIGNATURE &amp; DATE: 14 MAY 69  </p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>NAME, GRADE, POSITION:            David F. Schachner            SFT, Infantry            Commanding</p>	<p>SIGNATURE &amp; DATE: 14 MAY 69  </p>
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21. RECOMMENDATION THRU COMMAND:

RECOMMENDATION:  APPROVAL  DISAPPROVAL  OTHER:

<p>NAME, GRADE, POSITION:</p>	<p>SIGNATURE &amp; DATE:</p>
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WITNESS STATEMENT

ON 14 May 1969 at approximately 1600 hours, 3rd Platoon, "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry was walking down a very old trail on our way to our night location. While walking down the trail the second man in line stepped on a claymore detonator. The claymore was about eight feet up the trail pointing down the trail. It was aimed waist high. It wounded eight men and killed two men. The scout dog was also killed. The dog handler and dog were third in the line of march. I don't know if there were any trip wires used. I do not know the reaction of the men who were wounded. The two men were killed by pellet and fragments from the mine. END OF STATEMENT ////////////////

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TRUE COPY:

  
GORDON H. L. [unclear]  
CPT, Infantry  
Commanding

PROPOSED CITATION

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE IS POSTHUMOUSLY PRESENTED TO DAVID R. SCHACHNER, US53529696, UNITED STATES ARMY, FOR HEROISM IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. SP4 SCHACHNER, AS A SCOUT DOG HANDLER, CONSTANTLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE HAZARDS OF ENEMY FIRE WHILE ACTING AS POINT MAN WITH HIS DOG IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BETTER EARLY WARNING FOR THE U.S. ELEMENT FOLLOWING HIM, THEREBY PREVENTING LARGE NUMBERS OF FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 HOURS ON 14 MAY 1969 WHILE IN SUPPORT OF A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION NEAR FIREBASE OASIS, SPECIALIST SCHACHNER, IN KEEPING WITH HIS HIGH PERSONAL STANDARDS OF COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY, WAS WITH THE FORWARD ELEMENT OF COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA. SPECIALIST SCHACHNER AND HIS DOG WERE MORTALLY WOUNDED IN A VALIANT ATTEMPT TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION. SPECIALIST SCHACHNER'S SACRIFICE OF HIS OWN LIFE IN THE ATTEMPT TO AVERT CASUALTIES AMONG HIS COMRADES PROVIDED THE FINEST POSSIBLE EXAMPLE OF THE U.S. FIGHTING SPIRIT. SPECIALIST SCHACHNER'S EXEMPLARY ACTIONS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.