

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)
APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MARTIN, DAVID C SPECIALIST FIVE Company B 158th Aviation Battalion
(Assault Helicopter) (Airmobile) APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Distinguished Flying Cross

Effective month: NA

Date action: 10 July 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: For heroism involving aerial flight evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty in the Republic of Vietnam on 10 July 1969. Specialist Martin distinguished himself while serving as crew chief on a UH-1H helicopter during a volunteer emergency medical evacuation mission near Tam Ky, Republic of Vietnam. As Specialist Martin's aircraft made its approach into the perilous landing zone, he directed the aircraft down through tall tree stumps and mangled limbs. When a landing could not be completely executed, Specialist Martin placed himself on the aircraft skid and with one hand helped load the two litter patients aboard. Enroute to the hospital, he performed vital first aid to one patient and made the other patient as comfortable as possible. After arrival at the hospital, he again returned to the evacuation site for 5 more casualties. Again he placed himself under enemy fire and remained on the skid while they loaded the men aboard. Through his courage and strength he contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission and the saving of several lives. Specialist Martin's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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