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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

KNIGHT, FELIX R CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CW2) Troop D 1st Squadron 1st Cavalry  
APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Air Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: NA

Date action: 23 April 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight in the Republic of Vietnam on 23 April 1969. Chief Warrant Officer Knight distinguished himself while serving as pilot of a Command and Control helicopter in support of Company L (Ranger), 75th Infantry, southwest of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. A Ranger team had been struck by lightning and all personnel were temporarily paralyzed. Warrant Officer Knight, piloting his light observation helicopter, saw that the only possible landing zone was too small to be suitable for the medical evacuation helicopter. With complete disregard for his own safety, he immediately lowered his helicopter into the jungle canopy, breaking tree tops and branches with his rotor blades, attempting to cut a landing zone with his helicopter. He lowered his aircraft into the canopy until he encountered too much resistance, then raised up above the trees, and once again lowered his ship into the vegetation. He repeated this action a number of times until he had created a hole large enough for the medical evacuation helicopter to lower a basket to the injured men. Warrant Officer Knight's outstanding flying ability 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 Executive Order 9242-A.

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