

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96370

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AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

COZZALIO, ALAN A. 05241198 (SSAN: [REDACTED]) FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY
United States Army, D Troop, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 9th Infantry Division,
APO 96370

Awarded: Soldier's Medal

Date action: 19 August 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism not involving actual combat with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam: First Lieutenant Cozzalio distinguished himself by valorous actions on 19 August 1968, while serving as a Scout Team Leader with Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, on a combat mission in support of an infantry brigade 15 miles north of Vinh Long. Seeing another helicopter suddenly go into a spin, crash and burst into flames, Lieutenant Cozzalio immediately landed next to the wreckage and, disregarding the intense heat and danger of explosion, rushed to the demolished cockpit and pulled the dazed co-pilot to safety. Returning to the disabled and burning aircraft, Lieutenant Cozzalio cut the pilot's safety belt and shoulder harness and dragged him clear of the wreckage. Lieutenant Cozzalio then attempted to free the hopelessly pinned crewmembers. First Lieutenant Cozzalio's heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 9th Infantry Division and the United States Army.

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

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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