

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

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 4940

22 June 1968

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

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

Awarded: Air Medal with "V" Device (1st Oak-Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 22 April 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight in the Republic  
of Vietnam:

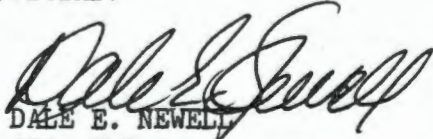
FIRST LIEUTENANT COZZALIO

distinguished himself on 22 April 1968, while serving as a  
Helicopter Pilot with Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 9th  
Infantry Division, on a ground troop support mission near Ben  
Luc, Vietnam. Despite extremely dangerous fire being received  
from the numerically superior Viet Cong force, Lieutenant Cozzalio  
executed numerous low level firing passes between the friendly  
forces and the insurgent fortifications. Although his aircraft's  
heavy ordnance was damaged, Lieutenant Cozzalio continued to  
make firing passes using only his personal weapons for suppressive  
fire. After a brief pause at Tan An to refuel, rearm and repair  
damages, Lieutenant Cozzalio returned to the battle area where  
he provided flank support while airstrikes were in progress.  
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 Exec-  
utive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942, and USARV message  
16695, dated 1 July 1966.

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