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BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

**THE AIR MEDAL
(THIRD THROUGH TWENTY-FOURTH AWARDS)**

IS PRESENTED TO

CAPTAIN MICHAEL E. SLONIKER, FIELD ARTILLERY, UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN SUSTAINED AERIAL FLIGHT IN SUPPORT OF COMBAT GROUND FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD

12 AUGUST 1971 TO 2 APRIL 1972

DURING THIS TIME HE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE AERIAL MISSIONS OVER HOSTILE TERRITORY IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS. DURING ALL OF THESE MISSIONS HE DISPLAYED THE HIGHEST ORDER OF AIR DISCIPLINE AND ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE SERVICE. BY HIS DETERMINATION TO ACCOMPLISH HIS MISSION IN SPITE OF THE HAZARDS INHERENT IN REPEATED AERIAL FLIGHTS OVER HOSTILE TERRITORY AND BY HIS OUTSTANDING DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY, HE HAS BROUGHT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS ORGANIZATION, AND THE MILITARY SERVICE.