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**I. .MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.** 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 9-20, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is confirmed for the following units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated.

63D SIGNAL BATTALION and assigned units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 63d Signal Battalion
- 588th Signal Company
- Company B, 37th Signal Battalion (For the period 26 September 1968 to 1 March 1970)
- 63d Signal Company (For the period 1 March 1970 to 30 June 1970)
- 596th Signal Company
- 270th Signal Company
- 17th Signal Platoon (For the period 26 September 1968 to 1 March 1970)
- USASTRATCOM Heavy Cable Construction Detachment (For the period 1 March 1970 to 30 June 1970)
- 337th Signal Company (For the period 2 October 1968 to 30 June 1970)
- For the period 26 September 1968 to 30 June 1970 as announced in USARV
- General Orders 280, 1971.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 9-20, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is confirmed for the following unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated.

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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND BAND,  
1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

SUPPORT COMMAND

For the period 1 January 1970 to 21 February 1971 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 2264-207, 1971

**II. PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.** 1. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 30, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the Twenty-Sixth Marines (Reinforced), Third Marine Division (Reinforced) as amended by Section III, General Orders Number 45, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, to include "Detachment, 238th Counter-Mortar Radar Unit, 108th Field Artillery Group for the period, 22 January-31 March 1968" and further amended by Section V, General Orders Number 17, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC to read "Detachment, 238th Counter-Mortar Radar Unit, 108th Artillery Group for the period, 22 January-1 April 1968" is amended to read "238th Artillery Detachment."

2. So much of paragraph 4, Section 1, General Orders Number 45, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) 1st Special Forces, United States Army and its assigned and attached units as reads: 403d Radio Research Group (Airborne) (1 Nov 66-31 Jan 68) is amended to read "403d Radio Research Detachment".

3. So much of paragraph 1, Section I, General Orders Number 82, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division and the following attached units as reads: 5th Section (-), Battery D, 7th Artillery is amended to read "5th Section (-), Battery D, 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery."

4. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 30, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the Twenty Sixth Marines (Reinforced), Third Marine Division (Reinforced) as amended by Section III, General Orders Number 45, 1968 and Section V, General Orders Number 17, 1969 as reads: "Detachment, 44th Artillery and Detachment, 65th Artillery" is further amended to read: Detachment, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery and Detachment, Battery G, 65th Artillery.

5. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 19, 1974, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division and its following assigned and attached units as reads: "Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, Companies A, B, and D, 229th Assault Helicopter

Battalion” is amended to read: Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 229th Aviation Battalion and the following units: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 229th Aviation Battalion, Detachment I, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 229th Aviation Battalion and Companies A, B, and D, 229th Aviation Battalion.

6. So much of paragraph 1, General Orders Number 59, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) and attached units as reads: “406th Army Security Agency Detachment (Airborne Brigade)” is amended to read: 406th Radio Research Detachment.

**III. . VALOROUS UNIT AWARD.** So much of paragraph 1, Section I, General Orders Number 28, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Valorous Unit Award to the 3d Squadron, 9th Cavalry and its assigned and attached units, as reads: “Company D, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry” is amended to read: Troop D, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry.

**IV. . MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.** 1. So much of paragraph 25, Section II, General Orders Number 17, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 10th Transportation Battalion (Terminal) and assigned units as amended by paragraph 2, Section IV, General Orders Number 1, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as reads “159th Transportation Detachment (for period 25 October 1965 to 21 June 1966)” and “347th Transportation Company (for the period 28 October 1965 to 21 June 1966)” are deleted.

2. So much of paragraph 33, Section II, General Orders Number 17, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 14th Transportation Battalion (Aircraft Maintenance and Supply (General Support) and assigned units as reads “339th Transportation Company” is deleted.

3. So much of paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders 28, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Division Support Command, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and its assigned units as reads: 382d Aircraft Maintenance Detachment—for the period 1 June 1967 to 29 February 1968 is amended to read: 382d Transportation Detachment.

4. So much of paragraph 10, Section II, General Orders Number 28, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 303d Radio Research Battalion and its assigned units as reads: “Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 303d Radio Research Battalion is” amended to read: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 303d Radio Research Battalion.

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5. So much of paragraph 9, Section II, General Orders Number 28, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 98th Supply and Service Battalion and its assigned and attached units as reads: "562d General Support Company—for the period 26 January 1967 to 31 December 1967" and "581st Support Company—for the periods 1 January 1967 to 2 May 1967 and 26 October 1967 to 31 December 1967" is amended to read "562d Supply Company and 581st Supply Company."

6. So much of paragraph 44, General Orders Number 39, 1970, Headquarters, Washington, DC, pertaining to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 95th Military Police Battalion and its assigned units as reads: 615th Military Police Company, for the period 1 January 1968 to 31 December 1968, is amended to read: for the period 9 February 1968 to 31 December 1968.

7. So much of paragraph 17, Section II, General Orders Number 2, 1971, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, pertaining to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the United States Army Mortuary, Da Nang and its attached units as reads: 568th Quartermaster Platoon (For the period 20 December 1969 to 31 December 1969) is amended to read: (For the period 20 December 1968 to 31 December 1969).

8. So much of paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders Number 50, 1971, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 34th Supply and Service Battalion and its assigned units as reads "452d General Support Company, 560th General Support Company and 855th General Support Company" is amended to read: 452d Supply Company, 560th Supply Company and 855th Supply Company.

9. So much of paragraph 7, Section II, General Orders Number 2, 1971, Headquarters, Department of the Army, pertaining to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 39th Engineer Battalion and its assigned and attached units as reads: 511th Engineer Company (For the period 18 December 1969 to 23 April 1969 and 26 June 1969 to 3 February 1970 (is amended to read: For the period 18 December 1968 to 23 April 1969 and 26 June 1969 to 3 February 1970).

10. So much of paragraph 19, Section II, General Orders Number 43, 1972, Headquarters, Department of the Army, pertaining to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 266th Supply and Service Battalion and its assigned and attached units as reads: 512th Quartermaster Company (For the period 1 March 1969 to 30 September 1970) is amended to read: (For the period 1 March 1970 to 30 September 1970).

11. So much of Section IX, General Orders Number 28, 1974, pertaining to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Defense Communications Agency, Thailand Region, during the period 1 April 1972 to 31 March

1973 is amended to read: Defense Communications Agency, Southeast Asia Mainland Region, Thailand, during the period 1 June 1972 to 31 March 1973.

**V. . MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.** 1. So much of paragraph 4, Section XII, General Orders Number 14, 1979, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Support Command, 25th Infantry Division and its assigned units, as reads: "40th Dental Detachment" is amended to read "40th Medical Detachment" is revoked.

2. So much of paragraph 39, Section II, General Orders Number 17, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Support Command, 25th Infantry Division and its assigned units as amended by Section V, General Orders Number 38, 1970, to the following unit "40th Dental Detachment" is amended to read: 40th Medical Detachment.

**VI. . MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.** 1. So much of paragraph 9, Section II, General Orders Number 28, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 98th Supply and Service Battalion and its assigned and attached units as reads "96th Combat Support Detachment" is revoked.

2. So much of paragraph 30, Section II, General Orders Number 48, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 577th Engineer Battalion (Construction) and attached units, 513th Engineer Company, as amended by paragraph 3, Section IV, General Orders Number 66, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, to read: "The 577th Engineer Battalion (Construction) (for the period 2 August 1966 to 11 June 1967) and the attached "513th Engineer Company (for the period 2 August 1966 to 19 March 1967)" is revoked.

3. So much of paragraph 2, Section XVI, General Orders Number 5, 1979, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as reads: "paragraph 2, Section IV, General Orders 66, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 84th Engineer Battalion (Construction) and attached units is revoked." is revoked.

4. So much of paragraph 3, Section XVI, General Orders Number 5, 1979, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as reads: "paragraph. 3, Section IV, General Orders Number 66, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 577th Engineer Battalion (Construction) and attached unit is revoked." is revoked.

5. So much of paragraph 19, Section II, General Orders Number 48, 1968, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 84th Engineer Battalion

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(Construction) and its assigned units as amended by paragraph 2, Section IV, General Orders Number 66, 1968, as reads "The 73d Engineer Company (for the period 10 November 1966 to 31 October 1967) and the 513th Engineer Company (for the period 20 March 1967 to 31 October 1967)" is revoked.

**VII. . UNITS CREDITED WITH ASSAULT LANDINGS.** So much of Section XI, General Orders 48, 1971, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, pertaining to award of Units Credited with Assault Landings as reads:

"173d Airborne Brigade  
2d Battalion, 503d Infantry  
Battery A, 3d Battalion, 319th Artillery  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade  
Company A, 173d Airborne Brigade  
Headquarters and Service Battery, 3d Battalion, 319th Artillery  
173d Engineer Company  
172d Military Intelligence Detachment  
Troop E, 17th Cavalry  
16th Signal Detachment, II Field Force  
19th Tactical Air Support Squadron, Bien Hoa Air Base"

is amended to read:

"2d Battalion, 503d Infantry  
Battery A, 3d Battalion, 319th Artillery

Elements of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade  
Company A, 173d Support Battalion  
Headquarters and Service Battery, 3d Battalion, 319th Artillery  
173d Engineer Company  
172d Military Intelligence Detachment  
Troop E, 17th Cavalry  
16th Signal Detachment, II Field Force  
19th Tactical Air Support Squadron, Bien Hoa Air Base".

**VIII. . PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY). 1.** So much of Section I, General Orders Number 32, 1973, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) to the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) to the United States Army units for periods indicated as reads: 355th Aviation Detachment, 235th Artillery Section, 238th Artillery Section and Aviation Company, I Corps, is amended to read: "335th Aviation Detachment, 235th Artillery Detachment, 238th Artillery Detachment and 7th Airlift Platoon, I Corps Aviation Company (Provisional)."

2. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 32, 1973, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) to the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) to the United States Army units for periods indicated as reads "7th Aviation Platoon (for the period 18 August 1965 to 21 August 1965)" is deleted.

**IX. .VIETNAMESE GALLANTRY CROSS WITH PALM. 1.** So much of paragraph 3, Section I, General Orders Number 52, 1971, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Gallantry Cross with Palm to the 164th Aviation Group and its assigned and attached units as reads: 78th Artillery is amended to read: 78th Artillery Detachment.

2. So much of paragraph 2, Section III, General Orders Number 21, 1969, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, pertaining to award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) to the 1st Aviation Brigade and its assigned and attached units as reads: 11th Aviation Battalion as amended by paragraph 3, Section XI, General Orders Number 9, 1979, to read: "Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Battalion" is further, amended to read: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion.

**X. .REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS UNIT CITATION.** 1. So much of paragraph 7, Section II, General Orders Number 6, 1974, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, pertaining to award of the Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm by the Republic of Vietnam to the XXIV Corps and its subordinate units as reads: 437th Dental Detachment is amended to read: 437th Medical Detachment.

2. So much of paragraphs 2 and 3, Section II, General Orders Number 6, 1974, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, pertaining to award Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm by the Republic of Vietnam to the 1st Aviation Brigade and its assigned and attached units as reads: 78th Field Artillery Detachment is amended to read: 78th Artillery Detachment.

3. So much of Section I, paragraph 2, DA General Orders Number 42, 1972, Washington, DC, pertaining to award of the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation (Second Award) to the 1st Cavalry Division and its assigned and attached units as reads: Tactical Air Control Team, 125th Aviation Company, is amended to read: "Navigation Team, 125th Aviation Company."

4. So much of paragraph 5, Section II, General Orders Number 6, 1974, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, pertaining to award of the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm to the 18th Military Police Brigade and the following subordinate units as reads: "458th Transportation Company" is amended to read: 458th Military Police Company.

**XI. .CIVIL ACTION HONOR MEDAL, FIRST CLASS.** So much of paragraph 3, Section IV, General Orders Number 53, 1973, 1970, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, pertaining to award of the Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, by the Republic of Vietnam to the 4th Infantry Division and its assigned and attached units as reads: Company E, 41st Artillery is amended to read: Battery E, 41st Artillery.

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**XII. . .REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CIVIL ACTIONS MEDAL UNIT CITATION.** So much of Section IV, paragraph 2, DA General Orders Number 42, 1972, Washington, DC, pertaining to award of the Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal Unit Citation to the 1st Cavalry Division and its assigned and attached units as reads: "Tactical Air Control Team, 125th Aviation Company" is amended to read: Navigation Team, 125th Aviation Company.

**XIII. . .VALOROUS UNIT AWARD.** So much of paragraph 1, Section XI, General Orders Number 14, 1979, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, as pertains to award of the Valorous Unit Award to the 14th Aviation Battalion and attached units is revoked.

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