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I. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

Major General *Peter C. Hains, 3rd,* , United States Army. September 1950 to May 1961.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, the Distinguished Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility is awarded to:

Major General *Charles K. Gailey, Jr.,* , United States Army. October 1946 to May 1961.

II. LEGION OF MERIT. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Sergeant *Robert R. Rafford,* , United States Army. 10 to 14 May 1943.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Colonel *Joshua R. Messersmith,* , Transportation Corps, United States Army. October 1952 to May 1961.

Colonel *Stanley G. Reiff,* , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. January 1956 to May 1961. (This award supersedes so much of General Orders No. 16, Department of the Army, 8 May 1959, as pertains to the previous award of the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to Colonel *Reiff* for meritorious services from 8 December 1956 to 24 April 1959.)

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Brigadier General *Frederick W. Ellery,* , United States Army. August 1954 to April 1961.

4. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Brigadier General *Oscar Arce Herrera*, Marine Corps of Colombia. January 1960 to January 1961.

III..SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded posthumously, to:

Private *Robert E. Lewis, Jr.*, , United States Army, a member of Company A, United States Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California, distinguished himself by heroism at Carmel Beach, California, on 5 February 1961. While engaged in recreational activity on the beach, Private *Lewis* heard a call for help, and saw a person struggling in the heavy surf approximately 100 yards offshore. Despite the fact that he was aware of the powerful and treacherous waves, Private *Lewis*, together with two comrades, unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, plunged into the chilling waters and swam out against the strong current in an effort to save the drowning man. Upon reaching the victim and realizing the hopelessness of bringing him ashore through the swiftly moving surf, Private *Lewis* and another of his fellow rescuers left the third man to support the drowning man while they swam back to shore for additional help. Numbed by the cold water and completely exhausted by the turbulent undertow, Private *Lewis* was swept under the surface and drowned. The courageous and unselfish heroism which Private *Lewis* displayed by assisting in this dangerous emergency is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

IV..SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded to:

Specialist Four *Louis R. Bailey*, , United States Army, a member of Headquarters and Service Company, Airfield Command, United States Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama, distinguished himself by heroism on 1 February 1961. When a jet aircraft approaching the landing area crashed and immediately burst into flames, Specialist *Bailey* voluntarily risked his life in the rescue operation conducted by the helicopter crash-rescue crew. Upon arrival at the crash site, Specialist *Bailey*, together with a fellow soldier, was lowered to the ground on a sling. Despite the imminent danger of severe fire or explosion from the jet fuel, he ran immediately to the wreckage. Finding the pilot still strapped in his seat, he cut the pilot free and, while simultaneously fighting visible flames, assisted in dragging the injured victim out of the danger area. Immediately after moving the pilot to a safe distance, several small explosions occurred, and the aircraft was completely engulfed in flames shortly after the rescue was completed. Specialist *Bailey's* prompt location of the pilot in the burning wreckage, and his courageous and heroic efforts in accomplishing the dangerous actions involved in this mission are in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Specialist Four *Bobby F. Grant*, , United States Army, a member of Headquarters and Service Company, Airfield Command, United States Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama, distinguished himself by heroism on 1 February 1961. When a jet aircraft approaching the landing area crashed and immediately burst into flames, Specialist *Grant* voluntarily risked his life in the rescue operation made by the helicopter crash-rescue crew. Upon arrival

at the crash site, Specialist *Grant*, together with a fellow soldier, was lowered to the ground on a sling. Despite the imminent danger of severe fire or explosion from the jet fuel, he ran immediately to the wreckage. Finding the pilot still strapped in his seat, he cut the pilot free and, while simultaneously fighting visible flames, assisted in dragging the injured victim out of the danger area. Immediately after moving the pilot to a safe distance, several small explosions occurred, and the aircraft was completely engulfed in flames shortly after the rescue was completed. Specialist *Grant's* prompt location of the pilot in the burning wreckage, and his courageous and heroic efforts in accomplishing the dangerous actions involved in this mission are in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade *William N. Jones*, , United States Army, a member of the 2133d Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon (Aviation), 1st Transport Group (Provisional), distinguished himself by heroism on 21 February 1945. The Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon was summoned to extinguish a fire on a truck just off the air strip near the unit operating site. When the fire fighting equipment arrived at the scene of the fire, the truck had been burning for approximately five minutes, and contained 155-mm projectiles which were in imminent danger of exploding because of the intense heat. Technician *Jones*, realizing the immediate danger of the situation, without orders and on his own initiative, took a fire hose, climbed onto the bed of the truck, and prevented the shells from exploding by keeping them cool with a spray of water, while other members of the unit extinguished the blaze. His prompt actions and unselfish concern for his own personal safety precluded the loss of considerable life and property in the area. The courageous heroism displayed by Technician *Jones* in this sudden emergency is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Nicholas H. Niles*, , United States Army, a member of Company A, United States Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California, distinguished himself by heroism at Carmel Beach, California, on 5 February 1961. While engaged in recreational activity on the beach, Private *Niles* heard a call for help, and saw a person struggling in the heavy surf approximately 100 yards offshore. Despite the fact that he was aware of the powerful and treacherous waves, Private *Niles*, together with two comrades, unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, plunged into the chilling waters and swam out against the strong current in an effort to save the drowning man. Upon reaching the victim and realizing the hopelessness of bringing him ashore through the swiftly moving surf, Private *Niles* and another of his fellow rescuers swam back to shore for additional help. Numbed by the cold water and completely exhausted by the turbulent undertow, he finally managed to reach the shore, where he immediately informed other arriving rescuers of the location of the two men who were being swept quickly out to sea. The courageous and unselfish heroism which Private *Niles* displayed by assisting in this dangerous emergency is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class *Robert M. Simonson*, , United States Army, a member of Company A, United States Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California, distinguished himself by heroism at Carmel Beach, California, on 5 February 1961. While engaged in recreational activity on the

beach, Private *Simonson* heard a call for help, and saw a person struggling against the heavy surf approximately 100 yards offshore. Despite the fact that he was aware of the powerful and treacherous character of the cold and heavy surf, Private *Simonson*, together with two comrades, unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, plunged into the chilling waters and swam out against the strong current in an effort to save the drowning man. Upon reaching the floundering victim and realizing the hopelessness of bringing him ashore through the swiftly moving surf, Private *Simonson* voluntarily supported the drowning man while his fellow rescuers swam back to shore for additional help. Even though forceful waves breaking over his head separated him from the unconscious swimmer three times, he remained with the victim and held him afloat until assistance arrived. The courageous and unselfish heroism which Private *Simonson* displayed by assisting in this dangerous emergency is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain *Obel H. Wells*, , Infantry, United States Army, a member of the 24th Aviation Company, 24th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroism on 30 January 1960, in the vicinity of Grampersdorf, Germany. When the helicopter piloted by Captain *Wells* on a route reconnaissance struck heavy power lines which were perpendicular to the path of flight, the impact ruptured the right fuel tank, smashed the bubble of the helicopter, and drenched both Captain *Wells* and a passenger with burning gasoline. After the aircraft had crashed to the ground, both he and the passenger managed to extricate themselves from the burning wreckage; however, the passenger was weakened by severe burns and shock, and was unable either to move away from the aircraft or to extinguish the flames which immediately engulfed him. Only the right fuel tank of the helicopter had ruptured upon impact with the wires, and the danger of the other fuel tank exploding at any moment was constantly imminent. Captain *Wells* extinguished the flames on his own body and, without hesitation or concern for his own personal safety, and despite the fact that he was also severely burned, reentered the danger area and dragged the passenger from the immediate reach of the flames. With the assistance of a German national, he put out the flames on the burning victim, using his bare hands and body. After receiving additional painful burns from these actions, he lost consciousness. The unselfish and courageous heroism displayed by Captain *Wells* in saving the life of his fellow soldier in this sudden emergency, at the risk of losing his own, is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

V..BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944, a Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States is awarded to:

First Sergeant Roy M. Martin, (than Master Sergeant), Armor, United States Army, a member of Company B, 72d Tank Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy during the period 14–16 May 1952, on Hill 511 in the vicinity of Hwanggi, North Korea. As Platoon Sergeant of a tank platoon furnishing supporting fire for an Infantry unit engaged in active combat operations against a hostile enemy, Sergeant *Martin* was assigned a direct firing mission. Despite the fact that his firing positions were repeatedly shelled by enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant *Martin*, on his own initiative and

with utter disregard for his own personal safety, continued his mission under extreme combat conditions, causing severe damage to enemy installations and inflicting heavy casualties upon enemy positions. On many occasions, when targets became difficult to locate as a result of heavy smoke screens, Sergeant *Martin* courageously exposed himself to intense artillery and mortar barrages in an effort to more accurately direct fire upon the enemy. The intrepid gallantry and bold leadership demonstrated by Sergeant *Martin* conspicuously inspired the men of his unit, and instilled in them a fighting spirit which was retained throughout this period. Sergeant *Martin's* outstanding heroism is in the most cherished traditions of the United States Army, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

VI..ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service is awarded to:

Sergeant First Class *Fred Armstrong, Jr.*, , United States Army. July 1957 to May 1961.

Major *Gassiway H. Berry*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. July 1957 to April 1961.

Chief Warrant Officer *William R. Cressall*, , United States Army. January 1959 to May 1961.

Warrant Officer *Philip H. Dunn.*, , United States Army. September 1956 to March 1961.

Warrant Officer *Richard L. Dustin*, , (then Master Sergeant, RA11195982), United States Army. November 1953 to March 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *John B. Garlock*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1960 to March 1961.

Colonel *O. Glenn Goodhand*, , Artillery, United States Army. June 1960 to May 1961.

Chief Warrant Officer *Harold M. Grisham*, , United States Army. August 1958 to February 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Francis L. Gustina*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. September 1957 to November 1960.

Colonel *James Arthur Hamilton*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. August 1958 to April 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Mervyn W. Leavitt*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. February 1957 to February 1961.

Chief Warrant Officer *Paul C. Opilla*, , United States Army. July 1958 to May 1961.

Master Sergeant *Robert R. Peebles*, , United States Army. December 1958 to April 1961.

Master Sergeant *LaVaughn Poore*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. April 1960 to March 1961.

Captain *Vernon R. Porter*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. May 1957 to September 1958.

Chief Warrant Officer *Sidney C. Sistrunk*, , United States Army. September 1958 to May 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Joachim J. Speciale*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. July 1957 to April 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert G. Taylor*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. October 1958 to March 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Harold F. Via*, , Artillery, United States Army. April 1960 to March 1961.

Major *DeWitt C. Waelde*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. August 1959 to April 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert J. Weiler*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. November 1959 to May 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Raymond H. Weisskopf*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army. September 1958 to March 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert J. Williams*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. January 1958 to May 1961.

First Lieutenant *Ronald P. Yuzuk*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. July 1959 to May 1961.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672–5–1, the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Master Sergeant *Leonard B. Anderson, Sr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. April 1960 to March 1961.

Master Sergeant *Benjamin F. Bennett*, , United States Army. November 1958 to April 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Robert W. Campbell*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. April 1960 to December 1960.

Sergeant Major *Charles F. Duke*, , United States Army. May 1959 to February 1961.

Colonel *Jaroslav T. Folda, Jr.*, , Artillery, United States Army. June 1959 to May 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Maurice Mynsberge*, , General Staff (Adjutant General's Corps), United States Army. August 1956 to May 1961.

Major *Patrick W. Powers*, , Artillery, United States Army. August 1958 to March 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Gordon H. Rawson*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. July 1960 to March 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *William E. Stuckmeyer*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. August 1955 to March 1961.

3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672–5–1, the Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Major *Harry L. Chippeaux*, , General Staff (Corps of Engineers), United States Army. October 1958 to May 1961.

Lieutenant Colonel *Carl W. Kruger*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. August 1959 to February 1961.

Master Sergeant *Stuart A. Queen*, , United States Army. October 1957 to May 1961.

Chief Warrant Officer *William H. Seeger*, , United States Army. April 1959 to May 1961.

4. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672–5–1, the Army Commendation Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles D. Dill, Jr.*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. February 1959 to April 1961.

5. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672–5–1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Captain *Dean A. Greenwood*, , Infantry, United States Army. 19 June to 4 July 1953.

Master Sergeant *Royal G. Markillie*, , United States Army. 13–16 December 1960.

Master Sergeant *Walter G. Nye*, , United States Army. 13–16 December 1960.

6. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 13, AR 672–5–1, the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leak Cluster) for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Master Sergeant *Harold G. Archer, Jr.*, , United States Army. 13–16 December 1960.

Master Sergeant *Norman O. Hancock*, , United States Army. 13–16 December 1960.

VII..ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. So much of paragraph 3, section VIII, General Orders Number 25, Department of the Army, 1956, as pertains to award of the Army Commendation Medal to Colonel *John J. Livingston*, 039714, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, as reads "Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant" is amended to read "Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster)".

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