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AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918 and act of 25 July 1963), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded posthumously by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:

First Lieutenant *George K. Sisler*, OF110068, Army Intelligence and Security, United States Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, who distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in the Republic of Vietnam on 7 February 1967. Lieutenant *Sisler* was the platoon leader/advisor to a special United States/Vietnam exploitation force. While on patrol deep within enemy-dominated territory, Lieutenant *Sisler*'s platoon was attacked from three sides by a company-sized enemy force. Lieutenant *Sisler* quickly rallied his men, deployed them to a better defensive position, called for air strikes, and moved among his men to encourage and direct their efforts. Learning that two men had been wounded and were unable to pull back to the perimeter, Lieutenant *Sisler* charged from the position through intense enemy fire to assist them. He reached the men and began carrying one of them back to the perimeter, when he was taken under more intensive automatic weapons fire by the enemy. Laying down his wounded comrade, he killed three onrushing enemy soldiers by firing his rifle and silenced the enemy machinegun with a grenade. As he returned the wounded man to the perimeter, the left flank of the position came under extremely heavy attack by the superior enemy force and several additional men of his platoon were quickly wounded. Realizing the need for instant action to prevent his position from being overrun, Lieutenant *Sisler* picked up some grenades and charged single-handedly into the enemy onslaught, firing his weapon and throwing grenades. This singularly heroic action broke up the vicious assault and forced the enemy to begin withdrawing. Despite the continuing enemy fire, Lieutenant *Sisler* was moving about the battlefield directing air strikes upon the fleeing force when he fell mortally wounded. His extraordinary leadership, infinite courage, and selfless concern for his men saved the lives of a number of his comrades. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the military service.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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