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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:

Sergeant *Charles C. Fleek*, , who distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader in Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, on 27 May 1969, during an ambush operation in Binh Duong Province, Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant *Fleek*'s unit was deployed in ambush locations when a large enemy force approached the position. Suddenly, the leading enemy element, sensing the ambush, halted and started to withdraw. Reacting instantly, Sergeant *Fleek* opened fire and directed the effective fire of his men upon the numerically superior enemy force. During the fierce battle that followed, an enemy soldier threw a grenade into the squad position. Realizing that his men had not seen the grenade, Sergeant *Fleek*, although in a position to seek cover, shouted a warning to his comrades and threw himself onto the grenade, absorbing its blast. His gallant action undoubtedly saved the lives of or prevented injury to at least eight of his fellow soldiers. Sergeant *Fleek*'s gallantry and willing self-sacrifice were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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