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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:

Corporal *Terry T. Kawamura*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself by heroic action on the evening of 20 March 1969 while serving as a member of the 173d Engineer Company, 173d Airborne Brigade at Camp Radcliff, Republic of Vietnam. An enemy demolition team infiltrated the unit quarters area and opened fire with automatic weapons. Disregarding the intense fire, Corporal *Kawamura* ran for his weapon. At that moment, a violent explosion tore a hole in the roof and stunned the occupants of the room. Corporal *Kawamura* jumped to his feet, secured his weapon, and, as he ran toward the door to return the enemy fire, observed that another exposive charge had been thrown through the hole in the roof to the floor. He immediately realized that two stunned fellow soldiers were in great peril and shouted a warning. Although in a position to escape, Corporal *Kawamura* unhesitatingly wheeled around and threw himself on the charge. In completely disregarding his own safety, Corporal *Kawamura* prevented serious injury or death to several members of his unit. The extraordinary courage and selflessness displayed by Corporal *Kawamura* are in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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