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**I. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 25 July 1963, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy is awarded to:

Brigadier General *Ellis W. Williamson*, , United States Army, as Commanding General of the 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate), distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism on November 9, 1965 while directing military operations in the Republic of Vietnam after a Vietcong element of regimental size launched a vicious attack on personnel of the First Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry on the day before. When the friendly forces sustained heavy casualties after engaging wave upon wave of fanatical hostile troops, General *Williamson* directed the pilot of his aircraft to attempt a descent into a 250-foot funnel through a jungle canopy to evacuate the wounded and the dead. Although no other helicopter was able to negotiate the pass, a successful landing was made. Once upon the ground, General *Williamson* exposed himself to the hostile gun fire, made his way among the front line troops, and gave assistance and encouragement to both the wounded and the defenders. Lending his own aircraft to aid in the evacuation of the wounded from the battlefield, he elected to remain in the combat zone and personally directed the further tactical deployment of the remaining units. His dynamic leadership, indomitable courage, and determination paved the way for the landing of evacuation helicopters, resulted in the removal of a great number of wounded and dead, and inspired the remaining troops with the spirit needed to achieve victory. General *Williamson's* extraordinary heroism on the battlefield and his profound concern for the individual soldier are in the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of his country.

**II. 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:

Lieutenant General *Alva R. Fitch*, , United States Army. April 1955 to May 1966.

Colonel *Martin L. Green*, , Artillery, United States Army. October 1962 to May 1966.

Brigadier General *Paul D. Phillips*, , United States Army. June 1964 to May 1966.

Major General *Beverly E. Powell*, , United States Army. March 1964 to March 1966. (This award supersedes the award of the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to General *Powell* for meritorious service during the period March 1964 to March 1966 as announced in

General Orders Number 19, Headquarters, United States Continental Army Command, dated 22 March 1966.)

Brigadier General *Michael J. Reichel*, , United States Army. March 1965 to May 1966.

Major General *Jonathan O. Seaman*, , United States Army. September 1961 to September 1965. (This award supersedes award of the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to General *Seaman* for exceptionally meritorious service during the period September 1961 to September 1965, as announced in General Orders Number 4, Headquarters, United States Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, dated 1 February 1966.)

Brigadier General *Ellis W. Williamson*, , United States Army. May 1965 to February 1966.

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:

Lieutenant General *Bruce Palmer, Jr.*, , United States Army. May 1965 to January 1966.

**III. 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 services is awarded to:

Colonel *James E. Aud*, O27051, Artillery, United States Army. February 1962 to May 1966.

Colonel *Howard L. Bartholomew*, , Infantry, United States Army. September 1957 to May 1966.

Colonel *William T. Bell, Jr.*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. August 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *John P. Brown*, , Infantry, United States Army. August 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Kenneth L. Buscher*, (then Lieutenant Colonel), Infantry, United States Army. January 1951 to March 1966.

Colonel *Henry M. Byorum*, , Armor, United States Army. July 1959 to May 1966.

Major *John K. Campbell*, , United States Air Force. October 1964 to February 1966.

Brigadier General *Costas L. Caraganis*, , United States Army. May 1961 to May 1966.

Colonel *Edwin G. Clapp, Jr.*, , Artillery, United States Army. June 1960 to May 1966.

Colonel *Edwin R. Cooley*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. January 1958 to May 1966.

Colonel *Ralph D. Crosby*, , Infantry, United States Army. December 1960 to May 1966.

Major *Paul R. Curry*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. June 1965 to February 1966

Colonel *Donald M. Curtis*, , Artillery, United States Army. August 1958 to May 1966.

Colonel *Oscar M. Doerflinger*, , Army Intelligence and Security, United States Army. May 1956 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *George C. Eblen*, Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. September 1962 to May 1966.

Colonel *Howard H. Featherston*, , Infantry, United States Army. September 1962 to May 1966.

Colonel *Glenn W. Goodman*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. August 1962 to May 1966.

Colonel *Walter H. Grant*, , Infantry, United States Army. November 1961 to May 1966.

Colonel *Augustus J. D. Guenther*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army. January 1963 to March 1964 and from January 1965 to May 1966.

Colonel *Gerald L. Haymaker*, , Artillery, United States Army. July 1963 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *John E. Hoover*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. June 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Leonard L. Johnson*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. September 1964 to May 1966.

Major *John A. Johnston*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. November 1964 to February 1966.

Colonel *George W. Kenna*, , Artillery, United States Army. August 1942 to May 1966.

Major *William W. King*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. October 1964 to February 1966.

Colonel *Richard B. Kreutzer*, , Artillery, United States Army. June 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *William J. Lanen*, , Artillery, United States Army. August 1963 to April 1966.

Colonel *Everett E. Lowry, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. August 1960 to May 1966.

Colonel *Lewis E. Maness*, O39135, Infantry, United States Army. September 1961 to May 1966.

Colonel *Wayne D. McConnell*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. January 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Kirk B. Moberley*, , Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. January 1963 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Franklin B. Moon*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. August 1964 to November 1965. (This award supersedes the Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) awarded to Colonel *Moon* by the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army, under provisions of paragraph 7, AR 672-5-1, for meritorious service during the period August 1964 to November 1965.)

Colonel *Raymond P. Murphy*, , Artillery, United States Army. July 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Jess E. Newland*, , Infantry, United States Army. June 1963 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *James E. Nitch*, , Artillery, United States Army. October 1964 to May 1966.

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Colonel *Benjamin N. Page*, , Artillery, United States Army. November 1963 to May 1966.

Major General *Clement C. Parrish*, , United States Army. February 1956 to May 1966

Colonel *Josef A. Prall*, , Infantry, United States Army. July 1962 to May 1966.

Colonel *Arnold Rathlev*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. May 1959 to May 1966. (This award supersedes the Army Commendation Medal awarded to Colonel *Rathlev* for meritorious service from August 1965 to May 1966, as announced in General Orders Number 28, Headquarters, United States Army Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, dated 2 March 1966.)

Colonel *Darrie H. Richards*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. September 1963 to March 1966.

Colonel *Elwyn A. Riley*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. November 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *John E. Robb*, , Artillery, United States Army. July 1961 to May 1966.

Colonel *Theron E. Roberts*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. September 1951 to April 1966.

Colonel *Tom J. Rounsaville*, , Infantry, United States Army. August 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Gerald W. Rowe*, , Artillery, United States Army. October 1963 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *John F. Sadler, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. June 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Russell B. Sell*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. August 1965 to May 1966.

Colonel *William K. Shaffer*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. August 1961 to May 1966.

Colonel *John W. Sheridan*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army. May 1958 to May 1966.

Colonel *Charles S. Skillman*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. September 1962 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Lowell K. Solt*, , Artillery, United States Army. October 1962 to July 1965.

Colonel *Robert R. Springer*, , Artillery, United States Army. October 1964 to May 1966.

Colonel *William L. Starnes*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. May 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *John M. Sullivan*, , Armor, United States Army. July 1957 to May 1966.

Colonel *John H. Trenholm*, , Medical Service Corps, United States Army. July 1957 to May 1966.

Colonel *Malcolm G. Troup*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. March 1961 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Guy I. Tutwiler*, , Infantry, United States Army. August 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Clarence R. Underwood*, , Finance Corps, United States Army. June 1959 to May 1966.

Colonel *Robert L. Utley*, , Infantry, United States Army. March 1963 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Harold W. Wilder*, , Infantry, United States Army. September 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Frank A. Williams*, , Armor, United States Army. May 1964 to May 1966.

Colonel *Henry H. Wishart*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. October 1962 to May 1966.

Major General *Edward O. Wolf*, , United States Army. November 1955 to November 1965.

Colonel *John S. Zelenik*, , Medical Corps, United States Army. September 1957 to May 1966.

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 *Marcus W. Adams*, , Infantry, United States Army. October 1964 to May 1966.

Colonel *Albert Barkin*, , Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. November 1960 to May 1966.

Colonel *Lawrence W. Brady*, , Infantry, United States Army. January 1964 to May 1966.

Colonel *Albert R. Brownfield, Jr.*, , Artillery, United States Army. January 1964 to May 1966.

Colonel *Paul F. Coker*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. December 1964 to May 1966.

Colonel *James C. Conine*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. September 1960 to May 1966.

Major General *Eugene G. Cushing*, , United States Army. January 1947 to 30 April 1966.

Colonel *Richard P. Davidson*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. June 1962 to May 1966.

Brigadier General *Kenneth F. Darwalt*, , United States Army. July 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *William E. Gibbons*, , Armor, United States Army. August 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Shelby L. Gillette*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1958 to May 1966.

Brigadier General *John G. Gramzow*, , United States Army. August 1962 to May 1966.

Colonel *George E. Hughes*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. August 1962 to May 1966.

Colonel *Bruce D. Jones*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. February 1963 to May 1966.

Colonel *Philip G. Krueger*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. June 1959 to May 1966.

Colonel *Ransome T. Looper*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. August 1962 to May 1966.

Colonel *Robert J. O'Donnell*, , Artillery, United States Army. September 1964 to May 1966.

Colonel *Anthony E. Papa*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. August 1955 to May 1966.

Colonel *Vernon A. Shurm*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. June 1964 to May 1966.

Colonel *William M. Slayden II*, , Armor, United States Army. March 1957 to May 1966.

Colonel *William R. Swarm*, , Artillery, United States Army. September 1957 to May 1966.

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 services is awarded to:

Major General *Bruce E. Kendall*, , United States Army. July 1964 to May 1966.

**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 posthumously to:

Major *H. Beecher Dierdorff, Jr.*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army, while serving as a member of the United States Army Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, distinguished himself by heroism on 2 February 1966 at Madonna, Maryland. When a request was received from local civilian authorities for helicopter evacuation of a stranded expectant mother, Major *Dierdorff* unhesitatingly volunteered to assist in the hazardous mission. Although snow was light when he departed in the predawn hours, he encountered blizzard conditions which caused the loss of visual reference to the ground. Despite the turbulence and the blinding snowstorm, he continued his efforts until the blizzard claimed his own life. Major *Dierdorff's* heroic conduct and humanitarian efforts are in the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

**V--ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL.** 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service is awarded to:

Specialist Five *Glen E. Adair*, , United States Army. February 1965 to December 1965.

Sergeant First Class *Daniel J. Anderson*, , United States Army. July 1961 to May 1966.

Master Sergeant *Buel N. Arbuckle, Jr.*, , United States Air Force. November 1964 to December 1965.

Specialist Five *Dianna L. Brunner*, , Women's Army Corps, United States Army. December 1964 to May 1966.

Captain *Franklin Burkhead*, , United States Navy. July 1963 to February 1966.

Technical Sergeant *Ernest L. Burn*, , United States Air Force. December 1964 to December 1965.

Specialist Five *Clarence B. Canady, Jr.*, , United States Army. December 1964 to January 1966.

Sergeant First Class *Henry A. Cenance*, , United States Army. October 1963 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *John J. Chrzanowski*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. September 1962 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Commander *Charles T. Connelly*, , United States Navy. March 1964 to May 1966.

Specialist Six *Joseph R. Crupi*, , United States Army. December 1964 to February 1966.

Specialist Five *Curtis L. Darus*, , United States Army. February 1965 to December 1965.

Specialist Five *Mickey R. Davis*, , United States Army. December 1964 to January 1966.

Specialist Four *Carl E. Denison*, , United States Army. February 1965 to April 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Hobart E. Dewey*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. December 1965 to May 1966.

Master Sergeant *Raymond A. Dix*, , United States Army. October 1964 to November 1965.

Staff Sergeant *William H. Elliott*, , United States Army. December 1964 to February 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Russell E. Felix*, , Artillery, United States Army. June 1957 to April 1966.

Master Sergeant *Robert C. Gibbs*, , United States Army. August 1962 to May 1966.

Specialist Five *Gerald C. Gipson*, , United States Army. April 1965 to December 1965.

Lieutenant Colonel *Bernard L. Grayson*, , United States Air Force. July 1962 to April 1966.

Master Sergeant *William B. Heim*, , United States Air Force. November 1964 to February 1966.

Specialist Six *Larry G. Hill*, , United States Army. May 1965 to December 1965.

Senior Master Sergeant *George T. Irgens*, , United States Air Force. October 1964 to February 1966.

Major *Russell W. Johnson, Jr.*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. January 1965 to April 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Homer H. Jones*, , Army Intelligence and Security, United States Army. March 1963 to May 1966.

Technical Sergeant *Charles G. Massey*, , United States Air Force. December 1964 to February 1966.

Master Sergeant *Mullen McCurley*, , United States Army. June 1962 to May 1966.

Master Sergeant *Joseph E. McLean*, , United States Army. September 1963 to April 1966.

Colonel *Howard G. Minch*, , Artillery, United States Army, July 1963 to April 1966.

Staff Sergeant *Gerald A. Minor*, , United States Army. November 1964 to January 1966.

Captain *George C. Nelson*, , United States Navy. May 1964 to May 1966.

Major *Peter R. Nowak*, , Military Police Corps, United States Army. May 1963 to April 1966.

Sergeant First Class *Charles A. Perry*, , United States Army.  
 December 1964 to December 1965.  
 Specialist Five *Herbert E. Pettiford*, , United States Army.  
 April 1965 to January 1966.  
 Technical Sergeant *William G. Pinto, Jr.*, , United States Air  
 Force. December 1964 to December 1965.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Arthur J. Poillon*, , United States Marine  
 Corps. June 1964 to May 1966.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Everett W. Powell*, , United States Air  
 Force. October 1962 to May 1966.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Alfred J. Price*, , Infantry, United States Army.  
 July 1962 to May 1966.  
 Senior Master Sergeant *James W. Prines*, , United States  
 Air Force. October 1964 to February 1966  
 Technical Sergeant *George C. Pullin*, , United States Air  
 Force. October 1964 to May 1966.  
 Major *William D. Smith*, , Artillery, United States Army. August  
 1964 to December 1965.  
 Technical Sergeant *Arthur D. Snyder*, , United States Air  
 Force. December 1964 to February 1966.  
 Specialist Five *Robert S. Steiner*, , United States Army.  
 October 1964 to January 1966.  
 Technical Sergeant *Arnold L. Stewart*, , United States Air  
 Force. December 1964 to February 1966.  
 Specialist Six *John H. Surbrook*, , United States Army.  
 December 1964 to December 1965.  
 Sergeant First Class *Kiyoshi Takahara*, , United States Army.  
 January 1963 to May 1966.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Luther D. Wallis, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States  
 Army. September 1964 to May 1966.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Joel T. Wareing*, , United States Air Force.  
 January 1962 to February 1966.  
 Technical Sergeant *Harvey L. West*, , United States Air  
 Force. December 1964 to December 1965.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Sergeant First Class *Helen H. Allen*, , Women's Army Corps,  
 United States Army. April 1963 to May 1966.  
 Colonel *William W. Barnes*, , Infantry, United States Army.  
 November 1962 to March 1966.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *Daniel K. Byrne*, , Transportation Corps,  
 United States Army. January 1964 to May 1966.  
 Colonel *Cecil K. Charbonneau, Jr.*, , Artillery, United States Army.  
 September 1963 to May 1966.  
 Major *William J. Cochran*, , Finance Corps, United States Army.  
 June 1963 to May 1966.  
 Colonel *Charles D. Daniel*, , Infantry, United States Army.  
 August 1963 to April 1966.



Captain *Theodore G. Davenport*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. June 1964 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Richard L. Dowden*, , Armor, United States Army. July 1964 to April 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *John R. Fitzpatrick, Jr.*, , Infantry, United States Army. March 1965 to April 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles E. Green*, , Infantry, United States Army. June 1963 to May 1966.

Major *Arthur L. Goodall*, , Ordnance Corps, United States Army. July 1964 to May 1966.

Captain *Harold H. Heath*, , Army Intelligence and Security, United States Army. October 1964 to April 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Bruce Holbrook*, , Artillery, United States Army. February 1965 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) *John M. House III*, , Artillery, United States Army. July 1963 to February 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Hubert C. Howard*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. December 1961 to May 1966.

Master Sergeant *Kenneth N. Jones*, , United States Army. November 1964 to February 1966.

Major *James M. Leslie*, , Infantry, United States Army. September 1965 to May 1966.

Colonel *Warren N. Levick*, , Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. July 1963 to May 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Daniel Overton*, , Signal Corps, United States Army. September 1963 to April 1966.

Major *Dana L. Thomason*, , Transportation Corps, United States Army. November 1963 to April 1966.

Chief Warrant Officer *Waverly A. Turner*, , United States Army. June 1964 to May 1966.

Major *Gus H. Watt*, , Infantry, United States Army. August 1962 to January 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *Jack K. Weissinger*, , Artillery, United States Army. June 1963 to May 1966.

3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Colonel *John W. Carley*, , Infantry, United States Army. March 1964 to May 1966.

Colonel *Horace J. Crouch, Jr.*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. March 1964 to February 1966.

Chief Warrant Officer *Kenneth L. Denney*, , United States Army. November 1963 to May 1966.

Major *Earle L. Denton*, , Armor, United States Army. June 1964 to May 1966.

Major *Ben Fabian, Jr.*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. April 1965 to May 1966.

Colonel *Cecil L. Forinash*, , Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army. August 1963 to May 1966.

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Lieutenant Colonel *Frank N. Pavia*, , Infantry, United States Army. July 1962 to January 1966.

Lieutenant Colonel *George A. Rasula*, , Infantry, United States Army. February 1963 to December 1965.

Major *Carman T. Selby*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. June 1963 to May 1966.

Major *Jack C. Woods*, , Artillery, United States Army. July 1964 to May 1966.

4. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service is awarded to:

Major *John A. Durany*, , Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army. August 1963 to May 1966.

Major *Thomas P. Lynch*, , Armor, United States Army. July 1964 to April 1966.

Major *Robert Segal*, , Corps of Engineers, United States Army. August 1964 to July 1965 and December 1965 to March 1966.

5. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles E. Donegan*, , United States Air Force. 19 to 29 October 1965.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

HAROLD K. JOHNSON,  
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