

1. IN REPLY, REFER TO
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NRPM -AM
AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF AWARDS
 For use of this form, see AR 672-5-1; the proponent agency is ODCSPER

2. TO: Commander
 U.S. Army Support Activity
 Philadelphia, PA 19101-3460

4. DATE
 5-8-99

4. CODE NUMBERS FOR AWARDS

17	Joint Service Achievement Medal	33	Medal for Humane Action	49	Expert Field Medical Badge
2	Distinguished Service Cross	18	Army Achievement Medal	34	National Defense Service Medal
3	Defense Distinguished Service Medal	19	POW Medal	35	Korean Service Medal
4	Distinguished Service Medal	20	Good Conduct Medal	36	Antarctica Service Medal
5	Silver Star	21	Presidential Unit Emblem	37	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
6	Defense Superior Service Medal	22	Meritorious Unit Emblem	38	Vietnam Service Medal
7	Legion of Merit	23	Joint Meritorious Unit Emblem	39	Humanitarian Service Medal
8	Distinguished Flying Cross	24	Valorous Unit Emblem	40	Armed Forces Reserve Medal
9	Soldier's Medal	25	Army Superior Unit Emblem	41	Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal
10	Bronze Star Medal	26	Women's Army Corps Service Medal	42	NCO Professional Development Ribbon
11	Purple Heart	27	American Defense Service Medal	43	Army Service Ribbon
12	Defense Meritorious Service Medal	28	American Campaign Medal	44	Overseas Service Ribbon
13	Meritorious Service Medal	29	Asia-Pacific Campaign Medal	45	Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon
14	Air Medal	30	European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal	46	Combat Infantryman Badge
15	Joint Service Commendation Medal	31	WW II Victory Medal	47	Expert Infantryman Badge
16	Army Commendation Medal	32	Army of Occupation Medal	48	Combat Medical Badge
				50	Letter "V" Device
				51	Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
				52	Bronze Service Star
				53	Bronze Arrowhead
				54	French Fourragere
				55	Belgian Fourragere
				56	Netherlands Orange Lanyard
				57	Philippine Defense Ribbon
				58	Philippine Liberation Ribbon
				59	Philippine Independence Ribbon
				60	United Nations Service Medal
				61	Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon w/Device (1960)
				62	Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII

The Secretary of the Army directs that the following awards be engraved according to current regulations and issued to address shown below.
 (Engraving to be as indicated in classification or below.)

5. AWARD CODE	6. SERVICE STARS		7. OAK LEAF CLUSTER		8. ARROW HEAD	9. CLASP	10. "V" DEVICE
	BRONZE	SILVER	BRONZE	SILVER			
10							1
11			1				
16							
34							
38	2						
43							
61							

11. GOLD STAR LAPEL BUTTON		
A. ENGRAVE	B. ISSUE	C. TYPE
	<input type="checkbox"/> COST	<input type="checkbox"/> CLUTCH
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12. REMARKS
 The awards and decorations indicated above will be forwarded from the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, IMMC, Soldier Systems Directorate, 700 Robbins Avenue, P.O. Box 57997, Philadelphia, PA 19111-7997. If you do not receive these items within 90 days, please submit a copy of this form to that address.

Expert Badge w/ Auto Rifle and Rifle Bars
 Nothing follows
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As requested, based on a review of the following documents:

Operational Report - Lessons Learned, Headquarters, 589th Engineer Battalion, Period Ending 31 January 1970 (dated 31 January 1970, 23 pages);

Operational Report - Lessons Learned, Headquarters, 589th Engineer Battalion, Period Ending 30 April 1970 (dated 30 April 1970, 28 pages);

Operational Report - Lessons Learned, Headquarters, 589th Engineer Battalion, Period Ending 31 July 1970 (dated 31 July 1970, 29 pages); and

Operational Report - Lessons Learned, Headquarters, 589th Engineer Battalion, Period Ending 31 October 1970 (dated 10 November 1970, 35 pages).

there is no indication that the unit was involved in any significant combat activity. Virtually every reported incident involved mines located along roads or occasional incoming mortar or rocket rounds resulting in no casualties or damage. One attempt to penetrate the airbase on 11 Feb 1970 involved 6 VC. The effort was handled by the local security forces with no US casualties or damage being suffered. Two VC were killed and one captured along with some weapons.

There are no further ORLLs after Oct 1970.

All four ORLLs are available thru normal interlibrary loan should you need them.

Have a good day,

Martin W. Andresen
LTC, USA (Retired)
Friends of the Omar N. Bradley Foundation

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

Service: All Services Instituted: 1965

Dates: 1965-73

Criteria: Service in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia or Thailand during the above period

Devices: All Services: bronze, silver star; Army: bronze arrowhead; Navy: bronze Marine Corps device

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Silver Bronze Bronze



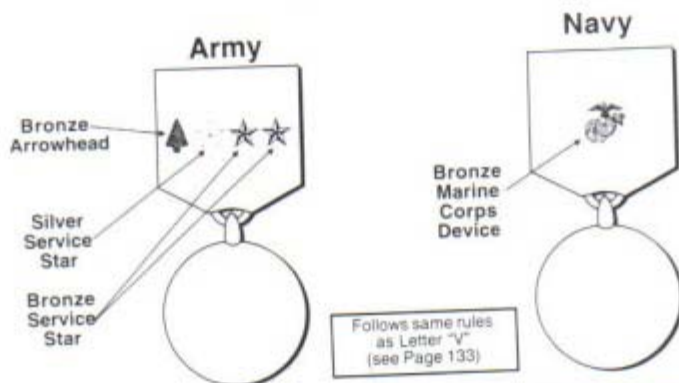
Authorized by executive order on July 8, 1965 for US military personnel serving in the Vietnam Theater of Operations after July 3, 1965 through March 28, 1973. Personnel must have served in Vietnam on temporary duty for at least 30 consecutive/60 nonconsecutive days or have served in combat with a unit directly supporting a military operation in Southeast Asia. Military personnel serving in Laos, Cambodia, or Thailand in direct support of operations in Vietnam are also eligible for this award. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal was awarded for earlier service in Vietnam from July 1, 1958 to July 3, 1965, inclusive; personnel receiving that award may be awarded the Vietnam Service Medal but are not authorized both awards for Vietnam service. The front of medal depicts an oriental dragon behind a grove of bamboo trees; below the base of the trees is the inscription: REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SERVICE. The reverse of the medal depicts a crossbow with a torch through the center and contains the inscription: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA along the bottom edge. The colors of the suspension drape and ribbon suggest the flag of the Republic of Vietnam (the red stripes represent the three ancient Vietnamese empires of Tonkin, Annam, and Cochin China) and the green represents the Vietnamese jungle. Bronze and silver stars are authorized to signify participation in any of the 17 designated campaigns during the inclusive period. Designated campaigns for the Vietnam Campaign Medal are as follows:

Army and Naval Services

- Vietnam (VN) Advisory, 1962 - 1965
- VN Defense, 1965 - 1965
- VN Counteroffensive Campaign, 1965 - 1966
- VN Counteroffensive Campaign Phase II, 1966 - 1967
- VN Counteroffensive Campaign Phase III, 1967 - 1968
- TET Counteroffensive, 1968
- VN Counteroffensive Campaign Phase IV, 1968
- VN Counteroffensive Campaign Phase V, 1968
- VN Counteroffensive Campaign Phase VI, 1968 - 1969
- TET69 Counteroffensive, 1969
- VN Summer- Fall 1969, 1969
- Vietnam Winter- Spring 1970, 1969 - 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive, 1970
- VN Counteroffensive Campaign Phase VII, 1970 - 1971
- Consolidation I, 1971
- Consolidation II, 1971 - 1972
- Vietnam Cease-Fire Campaign, 1972 - 1973

Air Force:

- Vietnam (VN) Advisory, 1961 - 1965
- VN Defense, 1965 - 1966
- VN Air Campaign, 1966
- VN Air Offensive Phase I, 1966 - 1967
- VN Air Offensive Phase II, 1967 - 1968
- VN Air/Ground Campaign, 1968
- VN Air Offensive Phase III, 1968
- VN Air Offensive Phase IV, 1968 - 1969
- TET 69/Counteroffensive, 1969
- VN Summer-Fall, 69, 1969
- VN Winter-Spring, 1969 - 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive, 1970
- Southwest Monsoon, 1970
- Commando Hunt V, 1970 - 1971
- Commando Hunt VI, 1971
- Commando Hunt VII, 1971 - 1972
- Vietnam Cease-Fire, 1972 - 1973



589TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Annual Historical Summaries

*1966, 6 p.

Operational Reports Lessons Learned

*Feb-Apr 1968, 23 p. (MF)

*Nov 1968-Jan 1969, 23 p.

*Feb-Apr 1969, 30 p.

*May-Jul 1969, 29 p.

*Aug-Oct 1969, 30 p. (MF)

*Nov 1969-Jan 1970, 22 p.

*Feb-Apr 1970, 26 p.

*May-Jul 1970, 28 p.

*Aug-Oct 1970, 33 p.