

Per United States Army Vietnam General Order 3991-1969, confirmed in Department of the Army General Order 37, 1970, the

## ***VALOROUS UNIT AWARD***

has been awarded by the Commander, United States Army Vietnam for extraordinary heroism during the period  
13 August to 19 August 1967 to:

**THE 14TH AVIATION BATTALION and its assigned and attached units:  
71st Aviation Company, 94th Signal Detachment; 151st Transportation Detachment**

The citation reads as follows:

The 14TH AVIATION BATTALION and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 13 August to 19 August 1967. In support of strategic offensive maneuvers west of Chu Lai, the members of the battalion gallantly and aggressively executed numerous heliborne assaults and general air support missions throughout all phases of Operation BENTON. They initially airlifted infantry and artillery units over the rugged mountain terrain and successfully inserted combat troops into the unfamiliar area while receiving intense hostile sniper and automatic weapons fire. With disregard for their own personal safety, the aviators responded rapidly to the urgent requirements of the changing tactical situation and rendered vital assistance to besieged maneuver elements. They viciously attacked sources of enemy fire with their gunships, utilized their flareships to provide continuous illumination and daringly conducted resupply of ammunition and medical evacuation of the wounded with Dust-Off aircraft. Working tirelessly throughout the period, the men of the 14TH AVIATION BATTALION completed emergency extractions and locations of friendly units under heavy fire, and directed devastating assaults and target runs on enemy strongholds. Their valorous efforts and dedication to mission accomplishment dealt a severe blow to enemy forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone and significantly contributed to the Free World struggle against communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 14TH AVIATION BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.