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Air Medals (14)

One Air Medal is awarded for every 5 combat missions. This medal represents 70 Heliborne Combat Assaults where I was the Mission Commander. One Silver Oak Leaf Cluster equals 5 Bronze Oakleaf Clusters.

Air Medal with 2 Silver and 4 Bronze Star Clusters



Combat Infantry Badge (w/Star Denoting 2 Wars)

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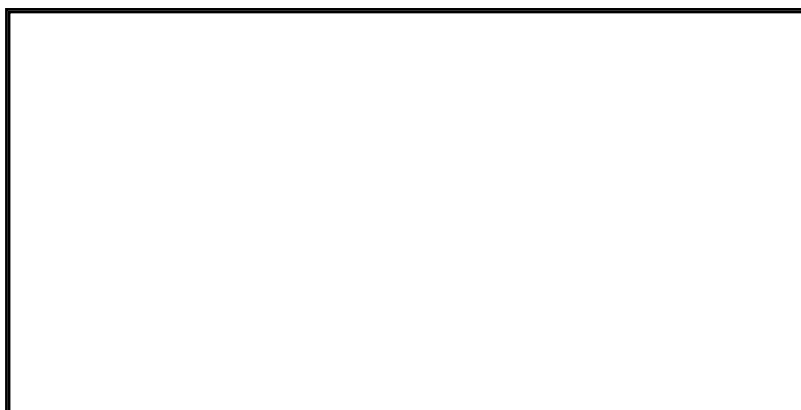
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Joint Services Commendation Medal



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CITATION

To Accompany the Award of

***THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL***

to

Lieutenant Colonel David R. Hughes, United States Army

Lieutenant Colonel David R. Hughes, 062721, United States, has distinguished himself by meritorious principal staff Assistant for Counterinsurgency in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Affairs) from 15 October 1965 to 15 July 1966. The consistently outstanding caliber of his performance contributed significantly to a more profound understanding at senior policy levels of the U.S. Government of the causes and means of combating insurgency in friendly areas. His remarkable ability to diagnose the present findings enabled senior DoD officials to communicate more effectively with the Congress and the public regarding the nature of the challenge to progress in lesser developed nations and the need for a constructive set of U.S. preventative actions.

As a result of his extraordinary professional talents and his out-

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standing personality, Lieutenant Colonel Hughes was able to establish quickly an unusually effective se
with other key officers and senior officials concerned with our overseas defense programs. This result
consistently able to provide timely and valuable staff support to the Assistant Secretary and his chief ad
affecting DoD interests in this subject area.

His imagination, judgment, and the breadth of his understanding of all of the factors pertinent to U.S. pla
the lesser developed areas of the world resulted in his being able to make a very considerable contribu
role in this aspect of our security affairs and reflected great credit upon himself, the US. Army and the
Secretary of Defense.



Getting JSCOM Award from Asst Sec Def Adam Yarmolinski

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With family (less too young Edward) I think this was about the only ceremony where I was awarded a medal which the family was invited to attend.

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And a whole high ranking Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara civilian staff (with 3 general officers, two in civies) present for the award. Why? My reputation as just an 'Army Lieutenant Colonel' soared after I got national and international attention by writing Sec McNamara's May 18th, 1966 speech redefining the nature (insurgencies) - and our proper response (counterinsurgencies with 'development' - political, economic, social - as our key.) This was in 1966. Which prediction of the next war and became the national strategy to wage it was borne out perfectly 35 years later with 9/11, followed by our wars in Iraq, Afghanistan.