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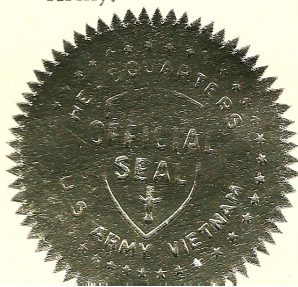
C I T A T I O N

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT
THE LEGION OF MERIT

is presented to

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID R. HUGHES, 062721, INFANTRY
UNITED STATES ARMY

Lieutenant Colonel Hughes distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period July 1967 to May 1968 while serving in consecutive positions of increasing importance as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division and Chief, Plans Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, Headquarters, II Field Force Vietnam. Upon assignment to the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, Colonel Hughes rapidly established himself as a resourceful and dynamic commander in the conduct of tactical operations against the enemy. Participating in Operations KOLE KOLE, CORONADO II, SARATOGA and ATLANTA, and in the defense of Song Be and Bu Dop, he effectively led his forces against the Viet Cong, causing the destruction of sanctuaries and base areas from which the enemy could launch major offensives. His efforts in coordinating artillery fire and tactical air support, coupled with his liaison with widely dispersed United States and Army of the Republic of Vietnam combat elements, resulted in continual successes in sustained tactical missions. As Chief, Plans Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, II Field Force Vietnam, Colonel Hughes demonstrated an exceptional ability to develop and coordinate the myriad details inherent in complex operational plans. Of particular importance were his contributions to the 1968 winter campaign plan and to the counter-attack plans subsequent to the Viet Cong Tet Offensive, including Operation QUYET THANG (Resolve to Win). Additionally, he prepared briefings for high ranking military and civilian officials which brought into focus the importance and significance of allied and enemy offensives. His astuteness and determination have contributed significantly to the attainment of Free World Military Assistance Forces' objectives in the Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Colonel Hughes' professional competence and outstanding achievements are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.



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The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, 20 July 1942, has awarded the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) to:

Colonel DAVID R. HUGHES, 522-16-4343, Infantry, United States Army

for meritorious service while assigned in a variety of key assignments to include division and post Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer, 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Carson, Colorado, from 29 July 1968 to 31 January 1973. Throughout his distinguished tour of duty, a consistent demonstration of the highest leadership qualities, organizational ability, and sound judgment marked each of his endeavors. Colonel Hughes demonstrated the highest degree of professional knowledge, dedication, and aggressive leadership in the completion of his assigned mission. His personal example of competence and sense of responsibility instilled in his subordinates the desire to excel in all of their endeavors. His sincere concern for individual soldiers made him a valuable asset to the leaders of the military community. Paramount among his many accomplishments were the utilization of a time-management approach to training, the development of the MECHANDO concept of training, the establishment of the Iron Horse 100, and the initiation of the Mechanic Gauntlet course. Colonel Hughes's distinguished performance of duty throughout his military career represents outstanding achievement in the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects the utmost credit upon himself and the military service.



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