

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Headquarters 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)  
APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

SAAL, ROBERT C.  
APO SF 96383

PFC 11B10 Co A 2d Bn (Ambl) 501st Inf (WACNAO)

Awarded: The Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device

Date of service: 31 March 1971

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR  
672-5-1.

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Saal distinguished himself on 31 March 1971 while serving as a rifleman during combat operations near Fire Base Veghel, Republic of Vietnam. Upon being inserted into a landing zone that was under hostile fire, Private Saal immediately began to deliver accurate and devastating suppressive fire on the enemy. He assaulted the enemy bunkers and threw hand grenades, forcing them to withdraw. Pursuing the enemy, he engaged them with a continuing burst of suppressive fire. His actions were instrumental in routing the enemy from the area. Private First Class Saal's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

DONALD A. SEIBERT  
Colonel, GS  
Chief of Staff

*for E. C. Lee, Cpt*  
W. F. SHEA  
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