



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS UNIT: 1st Signal Bde
APO San Francisco 96307

GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER 5270

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MORNINGSTAR, GEORGE A. SERGEANT E5 United States Army
Co A, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumously)

Date action: 9 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Sergeant Morningstar distinguished himself on 9 June 1966 while serving as a squad leader during a search and destroy mission near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. When his platoon suddenly received intense hostile fire from a well-entrenched Viet Cong force, Sergeant Morningstar exposed himself to estimate the situation. Since an insurgent machine gun was greatly endangering his platoon, Sergeant Morningstar singlehandedly assaulted the position. With complete disregard for his safety while receiving hostile fire, he ran forward, killed two Viet Cong and destroyed the emplacement. When another machine gun placed intense fire on his platoon, Sergeant Morningstar ran to a position within fifteen meters of the Viet Cong and killed two more insurgents. As he assaulted this position, he was mortally wounded. Through his courage, he contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the Viet Cong force. Sergeant Morningstar's extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior hostile force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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