

**HEADQUARTERS
MEDICAL DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96347**

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced posthumously.

McDANIEL, CRAIG A.

Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 2d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 29 September 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against hostile enemy on 29 September 1967, near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. While on a patrol, Sergeant McDaniel's platoon received word that another platoon had become heavily engaged with an estimated platoon size enemy element and were pinned down. Sergeant McDaniel's platoon moved to the battle area and began maneuvering to the flank of the enemy element. Initiating the assault on the first enemy bunker, Sergeant McDaniel personally led his men and succeeded in destroying the bunker and killing two enemy soldiers. Immediately reorganizing his assault element, he again personally led his men in an assault on a second enemy bunker. As the assault element destroyed the second bunker, they were suddenly brought under fire from a third bunker. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant McDaniel charged the enemy bunker in an attempt to destroy it. Sergeant McDaniel was fatally wounded by the intense fire as he neared the bunker. His assault element became so inspired by their leader's courage that they viciously assaulted the third bunker and destroyed it. Sergeant McDaniel's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his intense devotion to duty were in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Medical Division and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1916.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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