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Headquarters 101st Air Cavalry Division  
APO San Francisco 96333

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SECTION I

THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

**WILLIAMS, LEONARD** Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 502nd Infantry 101st Airborne Division APO San Francisco 96333

Awarded: The Silver Star  
Date Action: 11 May 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: Major Williams distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 11 May 1968, while serving as Battalion Surgeon for the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 502nd Infantry. Major Williams was present at the tactical command post when they came under an intense 122mm rocket attack. As the first rockets hit and a cry for a medic rang out, Major Williams, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, rushed from his bunker and began moving toward the position of the wounded troops. In his haste to get to the wounded personnel, he completely disregarded his helmet and flack vest. Despite being knocked down several times by concussion from incoming rockets, Major Williams was able to reach the position and began treating the wounded. Throughout the attack Major Williams moved from position to position administering aid to the wounded troopers and dragging the more seriously wounded men to safety for further treatment. Though wounded while shielding the wounded personnel with his own body, Major Williams continued in his work. Never once showing concern for his own personal safety, he managed to treat all wounded men and pull them to cover. Major Williams' outstanding display of gallantry in action and devotion to duty are 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 of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress established 9 July 1916.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

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