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Headquarters 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

SAFINA, JOSEPH P
APO SF 96383

PFC 91A10 Co D 2d Bn (Aml) 502d Inf (WACQDO)

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 29 April 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

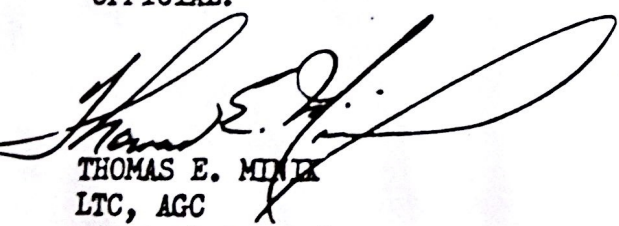
Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 29 April 1970. Private Safina distinguished himself while serving as a medical aidman in Company D, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during combat operations in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. An element of Private Safina's unit was ambushed by an enemy force and three of Private Safina's comrades were wounded in the ensuing fighting. Private Safina, despite intense hostile fire, rushed to their location and treated them. After administering initial first aid to all three, he moved the most seriously wounded man to a safer position and performed an emergency tracheotomy when the man had difficulty breathing. Still under fire, Private Safina moved all wounded personnel to a landing zone and organized medical evacuation operations. Private Safina's personal bravery and devotion to duty 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:

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