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Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Campaign Medal

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Gallantry Cross (Vietnam)

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The **Vietnam Gallantry Cross** is a military decoration of South Vietnam which was established in August 1950. Also known as the **Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry**, the Gallantry Cross is awarded to any military personnel who have accomplished deeds of valor or displayed heroic conduct while fighting an enemy force. It was modelled after the French Croix de guerre.

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The Gallantry Cross is issued in four degrees, with a basic medal followed by higher degrees which are the equivalent of personal citations on an organizational level (also known as having been "mentioned in dispatches"). The degrees of the Gallantry Cross are as follows:


- Gallantry Cross with Palm (Individual Award) ["cited before the Army"]
- Gallantry Cross with Gold Star (Corps citation) ["cited before the Corps"]
- Gallantry Cross with Silver Star (Division citation) ["cited before the Division"]
- Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star (Regiment or Brigade citation) ["cited before the Regiment"]

The devices to the Gallantry Cross are not worn

Vietnam Gallantry Cross



Gallantry Cross Medal and Unit Citation

Awarded by  South Vietnam

Type Four-degree military award. The four degrees are:
 Gallantry Cross with Palm
 Gallantry Cross with Gold Star
 Gallantry Cross with Silver Star
 Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star

Eligibility Awarded to military individuals, corps, divisions, regiments, and brigades

Awarded for accomplishing deeds of valor or displayed heroic conduct while fighting an enemy force.

Status No longer awarded

Statistics

Established August 1950

Related Modelled after Croix de guerre



with Palm

simultaneously but instead are upgradeable to the next higher device which would replace the previous device for wear on the decoration.

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For U.S. Navy personnel, uniform regulations state the recipient should wear only one Gallantry Cross award

(medal or ribbon bar) regardless of the number received.

For multiple awards, wear as many authorized devices as will fit on one medal or ribbon bar. Wear the devices for subsequent awards in order of seniority from the wearer's right.

Service Versions

The Vietnam Gallantry Cross was also issued in three versions, the first of which was the standard Gallantry Cross which was issued to members of all military branches, as well as service members of foreign and allied militaries.

The other versions of the Gallantry Cross were the Air Gallantry Cross and Navy Gallantry Cross. These decorations were awarded under a different authority than the standard Gallantry Cross and were considered separate decorations.

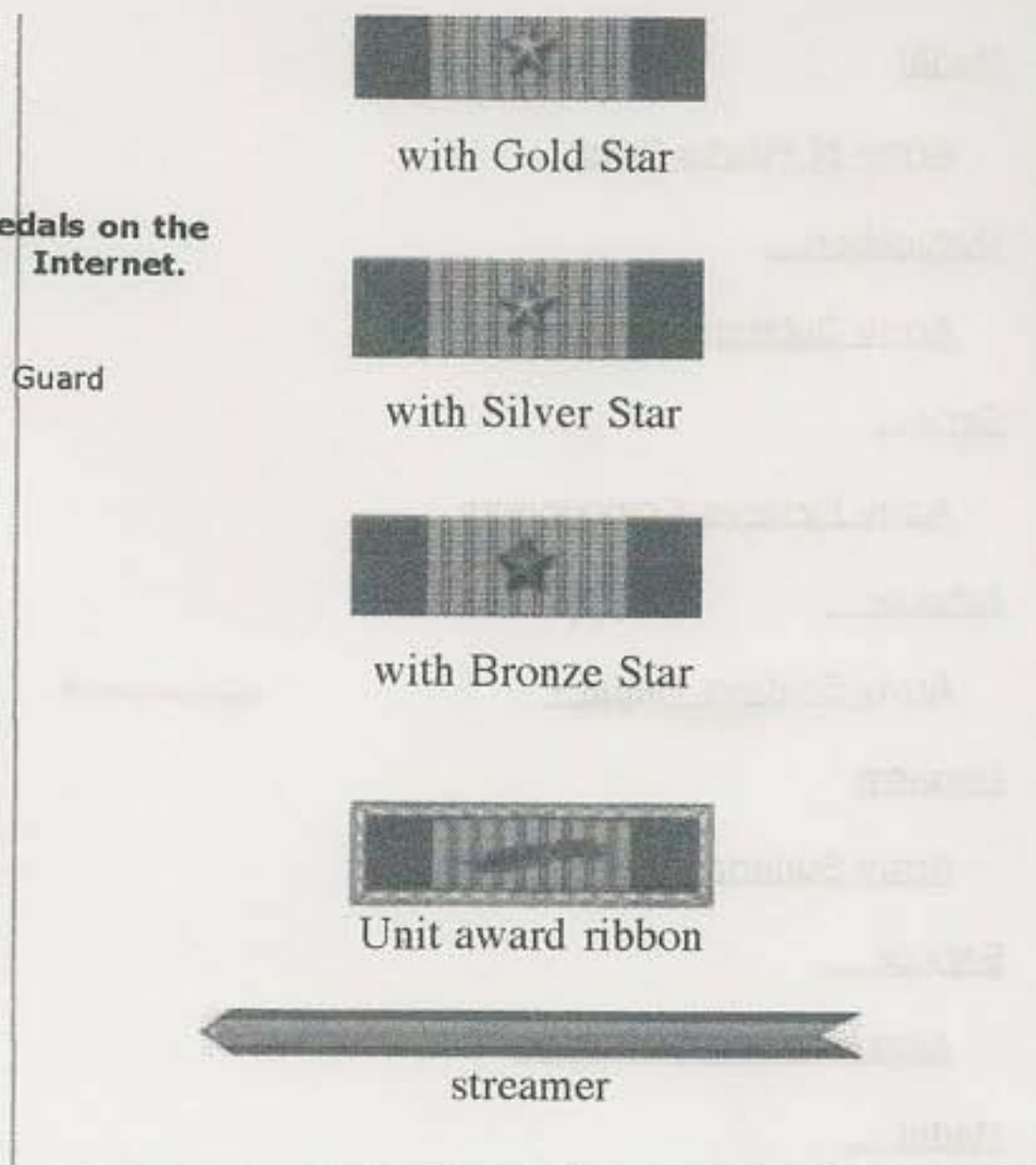
Unit Award

The Vietnam Gallantry Cross also is issued as a unit award which is an entirely separate decoration from the full sized medal. Known as the "Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm," the unit citation award was created in 1968 and was issued as the Gallantry Cross ribbon, with a metal palm device, enclosed within a gold frame. The unit citation was issued in the name of South Vietnam to any military unit which distinguished itself to the same level as would be required for the individual award. Regulations for the issuance of the Vietnam Gallantry Cross permit the wearing of both the individual and unit award simultaneously, since they both are considered separate decorations.

The Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm was issued to every Allied nation which provided military support to Vietnam between 1 March 1961 and the fall of Saigon in April 1975. The unit decoration thus became the most commonly awarded Vietnamese decoration to foreigners, second only to the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

United States issuance

The United States military began authorizing the Vietnam Gallantry Cross in March 1968 with retroactive presentation of the decoration to 1961. In 1974, Army General Order Number 8 authorized the Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation to every military unit of the United States Army which had served under the



The Vietnam Veterans Legacy---one to be proud of.
And one now, to be honored.

Hello my name is David Pollard and I'm a Vietnam Veteran and very proud of it. Until now I've never been able to say that because of the stigma The Vietnam Veteran has had to endure throughout his entire life since the war. There was a time when I was actually afraid to admit I was a Vietnam Veteran. Vietnam is something I've never really wanted to talk about much and no one really wanted to hear about. It was like a curse. They could not or would not understand How could you say you were proud to serve your country, and then be shunned by those very people, you were serving. Its difficult to put into words the nightmare and demons of The War In Vietnam. How much they gave and never received the recognition they deserved. We were demoralized to put it nicely. There was no justification for the way we were treated, being spit on, and called baby killers. There were no parades no hero's and no treatment for what I like to call "The Wounds That Do Not Bleed." and by that I'm talking about Mental Disorders such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Major Depression and the list goes on.

Collateral damage happens in every war and Vietnam was no different than any other.

After a couple of times that this happened to me I never let it be known I was there myself. The fight had left me.

Many mistakes were made both by the VA and the Military. But in recent years a lot of improvement has been made especially by the VA in admitting their part in the wrong that had been done to the Vietnam Veteran. A lot of those mistakes are now being corrected by the VA and they are welcoming the Vietnam Veterans, where as before we were shunned. The VA in Sioux Falls South Dakota is the

best and I've been to a few. They are doing all they can to get the Veterans who are hurting or need help into the Hospital and get them the help they need. I was kind of shocked by comparison to other Hospitals.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is now recognized as a seriously debilitating mental disorder affecting a big percentage of our combat Veterans. I like to refer to it as the wound that doesn't bleed. I've also heard that the AMA and accredited Psychologist are calling Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, if proven to be combated related, a Brain injury.

Psychologist Rebecca Watson believes the Vietnam Veteran has a legacy to be very proud of. It is because of the injustice and the demoralizing and disrespect the Vietnam Veteran suffered that the Military and the VA now understand how Post Traumatic Stress Disorder affects the Combat veteran.

I know now that the mental health professionals have made great strides and progress, especially in the last ten years. I thank god for that, because they literally saved my life. The VA is now encouraging the Veterans of today to come in where we were shunned in the passed. The treatment of the Veteran has improved immensely in recent years and continues to do so. All this change is due to the Vietnam Veterans plight.

My hope is that the hearts of the Vietnam Veterans will heal enough to be able to see their legacy they've left behind for all Veterans today. When I look at my self and all veterans today I'm very proud.

Veterans today are getting the respect, dignity, and the health care they so deserve. Because of the mistreatment and mistakes made with the Vietnam Veterans all Veterans are treated better today. For me, and I hope for all, that is our legacy. Written by David Pollard of Falls.



National Personnel Records Center

Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5100

May 31, 2004

David K. Pollard
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Lake Worth, FL 33461

RE: Veteran's Name: POLLARD DAVID
SSN/SN: [REDACTED]
Request Number: 1-86502253



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Separation documents may include the following information: the type and character of discharge, authority and narrative reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, and separation program designator/number. If you require a copy of the separation document that does not contain this information, a "deleted" copy must be requested from this Center. A seal has been affixed to the separation document to attest to its authenticity.

The enclosed DD Form 215, *Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty*, shows correction(s) to the report of separation and should be filed with that document.

The original medical record needed to answer your inquiry is not currently in our files. The medical record has been loaned to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). We suggest that you contact the nearest VA Regional Office to obtain copies of the records. If a claim has been filed with the VA it would be helpful to include the VA claim number **28181133** when contacting them. You may call 1-800-827-1000 to locate the VA office nearest you.

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