

CITATION

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT  
THE AIR MEDAL

IS PRESENTED POSTHUMOUSLY TO

SPECIALIST FOUR CHESTER J. KMIT

FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN SUSTAINED AERIAL FLIGHT IN SUPPORT OF COMBAT GROUND FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD MAY 1968 TO FEBRUARY 1969.

DURING THIS TIME HE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN MORE THAN TWENTY - FIVE AERIAL MISSIONS OVER HOSTILE TERRITORY IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS. DURING ALL OF THESE MISSIONS HE DISPLAYED THE HIGHEST ORDER OF AIR DISCIPLINE AND ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE SERVICE. BY HIS DETERMINATION TO ACCOMPLISH HIS MISSION IN SPITE OF THE HAZARDS INHERENT IN REPEATED AERIAL FLIGHTS OVER HOSTILE TERRITORY AND BY HIS OUTSTANDING DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY, HE HAS BROUGHT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS ORGANIZATION, AND THE MILITARY SERVICE.