

THE WHITE HOUSE

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES AND AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES  
OF THE UNITED STATES I HAVE TODAY AWARDED  
THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION  
TO THE 514<sup>th</sup> TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AIR FORCE  
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY

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The 514th Tactical Fighter Squadron, an unit of the Republic of Vietnam Air Force, is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in combat against an armed enemy of the Republic of Vietnam through-out the period 1 January 1964 to 28 February 1965. Participating in daily actions in support of Republic of Vietnam ground operations, the courageous men of the 514th Tactical Fighter Squadron carried out their attacks on military targets with indomitable spirit and determination. The fierce determination to destroy the enemy displayed by the men of this unit was exemplified in the 6,000 sorties, and 13,000 flying hours compiled in support of ground operations during this period. Frequently, aircraft were landed just long enough to secure additional armament before continuing their attacks against the Communist aggressors threatening their homeland. The determined and daring attacks launched by the valiant men of the 514th Tactical Fighter Squadron against the heavily armed and fanatical Communist insurgents, in the face of fierce ground fire, had a demoralizing effect upon the enemy, raised the morale and fighting spirit of the supported ground troops, resulted in inestimable damage to the Communist aggressors in the loss of men and material, and were instrumental in stemming the tide of Communist aggression against the Republic of Vietnam during this period. While a ground count of the many enemy killed and wounded was impossible, the heavy losses inflicted upon the enemy by this unit are known to have been significant, severely restricting his ability or desire to conduct sustained ground operations.

Despite being called upon to provide key personnel to cadre the organization of three additional Fighter Squadrons during this period, the 514th Tactical Fighter Squadron continued to carry out every assigned mission. The actions of the 514th Tactical Fighter Squadron reflect conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on the Republic of Vietnam.