

As confirmed in Department of the Army General Order 21, 1969, amended by General Order 46, 1969, the

***VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM***  
***(SECOND AWARD)***

has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period  
27 March 1967 to 17 May 1968 to:

**THE 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE and its assigned and attached units:**  
**281st Aviation Company, 10th Aviation Battalion, 17th Aviation Group**

The citation reads as follows:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade, an outstanding team of professional soldiers under the command of Major General *Robert R. Williams*, has consistently shown a fighting spirit. Due to its members' collective and individual unparalleled courage and willingness to sacrifice, the brigade has been of great help to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in the counterinsurgency effort throughout the Nation's four corps areas. Though suffering many casualties and operating under extremely difficult terrain and weather conditions, units of the 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade scored glorious victories in the course of the following operations: Junction City, 22 February 1967-14 May 1967; Coronado, 31 May 1967-25 July 1967; Greeley, 16 June 1967-11 October 1967; Kien-Giang 9-1, 15 November 1967-24 November 1967; Jeb Stuart, 21 January 1968-31 March 1968; Quyet-Thang, 11 March 1968 to 17 May 1968. Notably, during the treacherous Viet Cong Tet Offensive against cities throughout the Republic, units of the 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade flew their aircraft day and night in defense of military installations and met all air support requirements. In doing so, the Republic of Vietnam and allied forces were greatly assisted in breaking up all Viet Cong attempts at overrunning the cities and in inflicting severe casualties on the enemy forces. From 29 January 1968 to 8 February 1968, units of the 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade achieved the following results: 45,509 hours flown; 1,960 enemy killed; 2,517 enemy structures destroyed; and 521 enemy sampans sunk. With the above victories and accomplishments wholly or partly attributed to it, the 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade has made significant contributions to the anti-Communist effort in Vietnam and has enhanced the high prestige of the American fighting man.