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PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CHAITION (LRMY) .-- Awards

.5. Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (.ray) by the President of the United States of America to the following units of the armed Forces of the United States is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194 AR 672 5-1. The text of the citation, signed by President Richard Nixon on 1600 June 1969, reads as follows:

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 awraed:

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)

FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM

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