THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 20, 1942
HAS AWARDED

THE LEGION OF MERIT

(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

COLONEL CHARLES C. UNDERWOOD, [redacted], INFANTRY, UNITED STATES ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, PACIFIC

FOR

EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1966 TO FEBRUARY 1972

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 19 72

W. B. Rosson

W. B. ROSSON
GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
UNITED STATES ARMY, PACIFIC

Robert F. Froehlke

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY, PACIFIC

LEGION OF MERIT
(First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Colonel CHARLES C. UNDERWOOD, [redacted] Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by performance of exceptionally meritorious service during the period July 1966 to February 1972, while serving successively as Deputy Public Affairs Officer, Pacific Command, and Information Officer, Headquarters, United States Army, Pacific. Colonel Underwood's performance of service was characterized by outstanding professionalism, exceptional managerial ability, and administrative expertise. As Deputy Public Affairs Officer, Pacific Command, Colonel Underwood insured that United States and Free World forces were informed of America's efforts to restore stability in the turbulent climate of communist aggression in Asia. He was constantly sought for his guidance and advice in the area of public affairs. He successfully arranged and supported press conferences during PACOM visits of the President of the United States and on two occasions, his meticulous planning and precise actions earned him the personal commendations of the President. At the personal request of CINCUSARPAC, Colonel Underwood became Information Officer for the Army in the Pacific. Under his dynamic leadership, circulation of the Pacific Stars and Stripes surpassed 225,000 copies per day in 1969. His vigorous efforts in support of the Modern Volunteer Army Program resulted in an increased public awareness of the positive aspects of the Army, and enhanced civilian appreciation for the American soldier. In this, Colonel Underwood's final active duty assignment, his performance of duty was typified by the same dedication to duty, diligence, and professionalism which have characterized more than three decades of his honorable military career. His outstanding achievements reflect great credit upon himself, the United States Army, and the military service.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY, PACIFIC
OFFICIAL

The National Society of Pershing Rifles

PERSHING RIFLES 1894

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Charles C. Underwood

HAS BEEN DULY INITIATED INTO

Company A
Seventh Regiment

OF

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PERSHING RIFLES

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF WE HEREUNTO AFFIX
OUR SIGNATURES AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL
THIS TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1936.

John E. Jarmin
COLONEL, PERSHING RIFLES, COMMANDING

J. Alonzo Horn
CAPTAIN, PERSHING RIFLES, COMMANDING

The National Society of
Stripes and Diamonds

Columbia, Missouri

KNOWLEDGE AND PATRIOTISM—1936

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Charles C. Underwood

HAS BEEN DULY INITIATED INTO

Company A

First **Regiment**

OF THE

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF STRIPES AND DIAMONDS

AND IS ENTITLED TO ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP THEREIN.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF WE HEREUNTO AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 10th DAY OF December, 1936

Alfred W. Brooks
Colonel Stripes and Diamonds, Commanding

Victor L. Cary
Captain Stripes and Diamond, Commanding

THE ARMORED SCHOOL

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

CERTIFICATE

This certifies that

MAJOR CHARLES C. UNDERWOOD, 0378597

enrolled as a student in The Armored School

from 29 JULY 1946 *to* 9 AUGUST 1946,

attended ORIENTATION COURSE FOR OFFICERS FORMERLY PRISONERS OF WAR

M. W. Daniel

M. W. DANIEL
Colonel, Field Artillery
Assistant Commandant

John W Leonard

JOHN W. LEONARD
Major General, U. S. Army
Commandant

M M Brown

M. M. BROWN
Lieutenant Colonel, Cavalry
Secretary

HEADQUARTERS
OFFICIAL
THE ARMORED SCHOOL

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U.S. ARMY EUROPE
INTELLIGENCE AND MILITARY POLICE SCHOOL

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

This is to certify that

LT COL CHARLES C. UNDERWOOD

has successfully completed the

COMMAND AND STAFF SOVIET ORIENTATION COURSE I 9-3

22 AUGUST 1955 - 26 AUGUST 1955

A. R. JONES, LT COL, INF
CHIEF OF BRANCH

C. H. OTT, COL, ARTY
COMMANDANT

HEADQUARTERS 2nd ARMORED DIVISION

HELL ON WHEELS

THIS

Certificate Of Achievement

IS AWARDED TO

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES G. UNDERWOOD, 034337, 1ST ARMORED RIFLE BATTALION, 51ST INFANTRY, 2ND ARMORED DIVISION

For outstanding service as Battalion Commander, 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 51st Infantry from 19 July 1957 to 30 June 1958. Exhibiting outstanding initiative, organizational ability and professional competence Lieutenant Colonel Underwood directed the activities and performance of the men of his battalion in such a manner as to develop their fullest capabilities. His battalion was the first unit of the 2d Armored Division to receive trainees. The results achieved by his battalion in this training mission have been outstanding. Ninety-nine percent of the trainees assigned to his battalion qualified in rifle marksmanship. His professional knowledge of military and administrative matters is further evidenced by the receipt of excellent and superior ratings in the inspections of Logistical Records and the Annual General Inspection of 1958. In addition to outstanding proficiency in training, Lt Colonel Underwood's command achieved outstanding success in athletics, placing either first or second in six of the seven Division competitions completed since the unit arrived at Fort Hood. The professional competence, loyalty and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Underwood is in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

This 3rd day of July 1958

H. Paul Johnson
MAJ GEN, USA
COMMANDING

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CITATION

COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT

Lieutenent Colonel Charles C. Underwood, Infantry, served meritoriously as Commanding Officer, 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 51st Infantry, from 19 July 1957 to 30 June 1958, and as Executive Officer, Headquarters Combat Command A, from 1 July 1958 to 27 March 1959. Exhibiting outstanding initiative, organizational ability, and professional competence, Colonel Underwood directed the activities of his battalion in such a manner as to develop its fullest capabilities. His battalion was the first unit of the 2d Armored Division to receive trainees. The results achieved by his battalion in this training mission were outstanding. His professional knowledge of military and administrative matters was further evidenced by the receipt of excellent and superior ratings in the inspections of Logistical Records and the Annual General Inspection of 1958. In addition to outstanding proficiency in training, Colonel Underwood's command achieved outstanding success in athletics. As the Combat Command A Executive Officer, Colonel Underwood coordinated the training activities of two Armored Rifle Battalions, a Medium Tank Battalion, and an Armored Engineer Battalion. During two periods of prolonged absence of the Combat Command Commander, Colonel Underwood acted in that capacity in an outstanding manner. His dynamic personality and personal knowledge has inspired subordinate commanders in such a way as to produce outstanding results in training and maintenance activities throughout the command. He was materially responsible for devising methods and principles of employment of the new Fire and Maneuver Range, used throughout the division in training. The exemplary showing made by the command in division and post sports programs is directly attributable to Colonel Underwood's personal interest and support of the program. The professional competence, loyalty and devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Underwood is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICIAL 2ND ARMORED DIVISION

FORGE THE THUNDERBOLT

US Army Armor School

This is to certify that

Lieutenant Colonel Charles C Underwood

completed the

SENIOR OFFICERS PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE COURSE

as directed by Commanding General Continental Army Command and conducted at

US Army Armor School

17 November 58 *to* 21 November 58

In testimony Whereof, and by authority vested in us, We do confer upon him this

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Given at Fort Knox, Kentucky, this 21st *day of* November 1958

James I. King
Brigadier General, US Army
Assistant Commandant

John P. Lycan Jr.
Major General, US Army
Commandant

ATTEST:

Geo G. Coulson
Lieutenant Colonel, Armor
Secretary

U.S. ARMY ARMOR SCHOOL

SAN ANTONIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

COLONEL CHARLES C. UNDERWOOD

For superior military leadership and outstanding community relations from 8 June 1960 to 20 June 1964.

This 18th Day *of* June 19 64 *by order of the Board of Directors.*

Executive Vice President

President

The Retired Officers Association

This is to certify that

Charles C. Underwood

is a

Life Member

of The Retired Officers Association

and is fully entitled to enjoy

all the privileges and benefits granted by its ByLaws.

Chairman of the Board

President

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

To: COL (Ret) Charles C. Underwood

We would like to thank you, for bringing us a little sunshine under these circumstances. Your videos were able to raise a lot of spirits. Just to know someone is thinking about us brings everyone a feeling of the home we all miss. ***Thank You****!*

29th Support Group (Forward)
Taszár, Hungary

Monday, April 22, 1996

JOHN S. DI DIO
LTC, AG
Adjutant

Certificate of Appreciation

In grateful recognition of your support in helping to build the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The World War II Memorial is America's tribute to the men and women, in battle and on the home front, who together won World War II, the defining event of the twentieth century. By virtue of the powers vested in the American Battle Monuments Commission, this is to certify that

Mr. Charles C. Underwood

is a Charter Member of the World War II Memorial Society and shall be accorded all rights and privileges thereto. This shall further certify that the name of

Col. Charles C. Underwood

has been entered into the World War II Memorial Registry of Remembrances for participating in World War II and helping our nation win the greatest military victory in history.

Certified this 11th day of May, 1999

Fred F. Woerner

Gen. Fred F. Woerner, USA (Ret)
Chairman, American Battle Monuments Commission

NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL

Peter Wheeler

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Chairman, World War II Memorial Advisory Board

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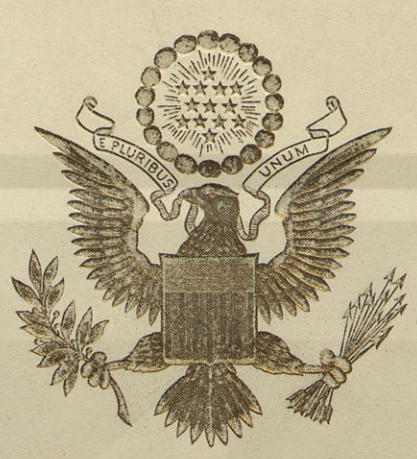

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 20, 1942, has awarded the Legion of Merit to

COLONEL CHARLES C. UNDERWOOD, UNITED STATES ARMY

for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services:

Colonel Charles C. Underwood, Infantry, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service while serving in a position of responsibility as Chief of Public Information Division, Office of The Chief of Information, Headquarters, Department of the Army, during the period June 1964 to July 1966. Through his skill in developing and executing an improved Army Information Program, Colonel Underwood projected a favorable image of the Army worldwide and provided the public with a greater understanding of the Army's role in the military structure. He was responsible for the over-all coordination of the Army's public information program and achieved equal success as a principal advisor to the Chief of Public Information. During a period characterized by many sensitive situations, including the expansion of the Army with a heavy commitment of troops in Vietnam and numerous Congressional inquiries into Department of Defense actions with accompanying extensive press coverage, he established rare rapport with members of news media through his sound judgment, integrity, and responsiveness. His efforts were also reflected in the formulation of information plans pertaining to many Army activities. Among these were the release of comprehensive information about the Army's airmobile division; the deployment of forces to Vietnam; and research and development programs in the area of anti-missile capability. Through his discernment, diplomacy, and resourcefulness, he significantly enhanced the prestige of the United States Army by instilling in the public an awareness of the Army's outstanding record of achievements. Colonel Underwood's distinguished performance of duty and exceptional accomplishments throughout this period are in the finest traditions of the military service and reflect the utmost credit upon himself and the United States Army.