

## **VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM**

**DAGO, that's short for Department of the Army General Order for us old soldiers. Whose memory may be fading a bit. Specifically, DAGO 46 dated 3 September 1968, Paragraph 9 of said DAGO reads as follows:**

**The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm awarded by General Cao Van, Chief Joint General Staff, Republic of South Vietnam Armed Forces on 25 October 1965 for outstanding service to the Republic of South Vietnam during the period 21 January 1965.**

### **COMPANY A, 502D AVIATION BATTALION**

**The citation reads as follows:**

**Company A, 502d Aviation Battalion disregarded the Communist's heavy anti-aircraft fire during the TIEN GIANG 2/65 operation of 21 January 1965 and, with their determination, timely executed troop transport, evacuation and fire support flights for infantry units of the Republic of South Vietnam's Armed Forces. Although their aircraft were hit by fire many times during four troop transport flight to the battlefield, flight crew members disregarded all hardship and dangers while flying at low altitudes to attack sustained enemy defense positions. Because of this, the combat situation turned in favor of the friendly forces. Under the above difficult conditions, the air support executed by personnel of Company A. achieved the following glorious victory: 51 Viet Cong killed in action, 60 Viet Cong captured and a large quantity of weapons confiscated. With their enthusiastic combat spirit and determination in the face of enemy pressure, the member of Company A, again upheld their noble tradition and won the admiration of all of the personnel participating in the operation..**

**This Meritorious Citation for Company A, 502D Aviation Battalion is to include the Cross of Gallantry with Palm.**

**By Order of the Secretary of the Army:**

**W.C. WESTMORELAND**  
**General, United States Army**  
**Chief of Staff**

**This article copied from Vinh Long Outlaws News, April 2002, s/twilson**