



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

THE INSTITUTE OF SURGICAL RESEARCH
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious achievement in connection with the emergency evacuation and treatment of severely burned Marines from Camp Fuji, Japan from 19 October to 11 November 1979. During this period, the Institute of Surgical Research, U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command rapidly deployed an emergency medical support team to Yokota Air Force Base, Japan to provide immediate medical care to thirty-seven acutely burned Marines and to evacuate them to the Burn Center at Fort Sam Houston. The quick reaction and emergency life-saving techniques of the medical support team in stabilizing the burn victims for the return flight to the Burn Center and their subsequent care and treatment prevented a more serious loss of life than might have been expected. Employing the most modern medical and surgical techniques and procedures available, the Institute of Surgical Research and all personnel that assisted in the treatment of the burned Marines overcame the life-threatening effects of infection, pneumonia, and septic shock over an intense period of approximately three weeks. By their continuous display of professionalism, determination, courage, and total devotion to duty, all personnel of the Institute of Surgical Research reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.


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