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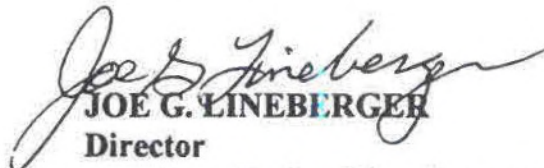
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER & PERSONNEL (JCS/J-1)

FROM: SAF/MIB
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SUBJECT: Air Force Medal of Honor (MOH) – Airman First Class William Pitsenbarger

The Secretary of the Air Force has recommended the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Airman First Class (A1C) William H. Pitsenbarger for his heroic actions during the Vietnam Conflict. New evidence brought to the Air Force's attention by Congressman Boehner has convinced us that the Air Force Cross awarded to A1C Pitsenbarger for his gallant and intrepid actions during a fire fight near Cam My, Republic of Vietnam, on April 11, 1966, should be upgraded to the Medal Of Honor.

A copy of the Secretary's memo to OSD and the award recommendation package are attached. Your assistance in obtaining CJCS coordination/concurrence with this award action would be greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact Colonel Steve Chmiola, SAF Personnel Council at DSN 857-3138 or 5771.


JOE G. LINEBERGER
Director
Air Force Review Boards Agency

Attachment:
Awards Package

cc:
CSAF



CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

Subject: Upgrade of A1C Pitsenbarger's Air Force Cross to the Medal of Honor

I concur in your recommendation¹ to posthumously upgrade the Air Force Cross to the Medal of Honor for A1C William H. Pitsenbarger for his heroic actions in Vietnam.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry H. Shelton", is positioned above the printed name.

HENRY H. SHELTON

Chairman

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Reference:

- 1 Secretary of the Air Force memorandum, 15 May 2000, "Medal of Honor (MOH)-A1C William H. Pitsenbarger"