



**CAPTAIN
HAROLD J. FALDERMEYER**

CLASS 30A-67

Captain Faldermeyer was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.

Captain Faldermeyer distinguished himself on 11 May 1972 while serving as Advisor to 2nd Battalion, 32nd Regiment, 21st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date the 2nd Battalion, which had been in heavy contact for ten days without re-supply, was on an offensive operation against a firmly entrenched NVA Regiment to open Highway 13 to relieve the tightening ring of enemy forces around the beleaguered friendly forces at An Loc. Captain Faldermeyer, with disregard for his own safety, repeatedly, throughout the day, exposed himself to enemy fire to direct a series of deadly effective tactical airstrikes against the enemy positions. At approximately 1030 hours, the 2nd Battalion was attacked by at least one NVA reinforced battalion. Captain Faldermeyer, as the ground controller for U.S. air assets, with single minded determination to accomplish the mission and at great risk to his life, moved under heavy mortar fire across Highway 13, to a vantage point from which to direct and coordinate friendly airstrikes. His position was extremely perilous as he was exposed on three sides with the remainder of the unit across Highway 13. Despite intense enemy mortar and rocket fire, Captain Faldermeyer remained in that position.

Captain Faldermeyer's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty, at the cost of his life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.