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The President of the United States of America  
Takes Pride in Presenting**



**THE  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS  
to**



**CHARLES R. HUGGINS**

*Citation:* The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Captain (Infantry) Charles Roy Huggins, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Airborne Division Assistance Team, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Captain Huggins distinguished himself while serving as an advisor to the 81st Ranger Group, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, during the period 20 April to 20 May 1972. As the 81st Ranger Battalion began to retake the enemy-held northern sector of the besieged provincial capital of An Loc, Captain Huggins accompanied the forward elements and directed massive air strikes on the enemy positions while exposing himself to the intensive barrage of enemy fire. In an attempt to further identify enemy troop positions and anti-aircraft sites, he made a nighttime infiltration of the enemy who repeatedly subjected him to heavy indirect and small arms fire as he moved from house to house.

On three other occasions, Captain Huggins prevented enemy troops and tank attacks from overrunning the friendly positions while exposing himself from rooftops and forward positions to a fusillade of enemy fire. The professional knowledge and courage he displayed in combating numerically superior enemy ground forces served as an inspiration to the friendly troops and provided the determination to successfully fulfill their mission. Captain Huggins' extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

**General Orders:** Headquarters, U.S. Army, Vietnam, MACV Support Command General Orders No. 2439 (October 17, 1972)

**Action Date:** April 20 - May 20, 1972

**Service:** Army **Rank:** Captain **Company:** Airborne Division Assistance Team **Division:** Military Assistance Command, Vietnam

**Date of Birth:** January 27, 1947, **Place of Birth:** Florida, High Springs

**Home of Record:** Tallahassee Florida