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



**THE
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS
to**



WINSTON A. L. COVER

Citation: The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Winston A. L. Cover, First Lieutenant (Infantry), U.S. 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, Army Advisory Group. First Lieutenant Winston A. L. Cover distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism during the period 25 April 1972 to 20 May 1972 while serving as Senior American Advisor to the 8th Airborne Battalion, Airborne Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, which was assigned the task of helping defend the provincial capital of An Loc. Undergoing one of the most intensive and deadly assaults of the Vietnam war, Lieutenant Cover consistently displayed exceptional courage, sound judgment, and calmness under fire that inspired his unit and those that came in contact with him to brave the withering fire and defend their positions. After his deputy was severely wounded, Lieutenant Cover braved the enemy fire and administered first aid while in a fully exposed position, and arranged for his evacuation from the battle area. Immediately thereafter, he continued directing air strikes against the enemy and was responsible for numerous enemy losses. Subjected almost daily to regimental attacks supported by armor, Lieutenant Cover moved from one position to another, directing fire and inspiring the friendly troops to hold their positions, while directing extremely accurate air strikes that were responsible for eliminating many enemy positions and the thwarting the enemy assaults. Lieutenant Cover's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great upon himself and the United States Army.

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Born: at Kingston, Jamaica

