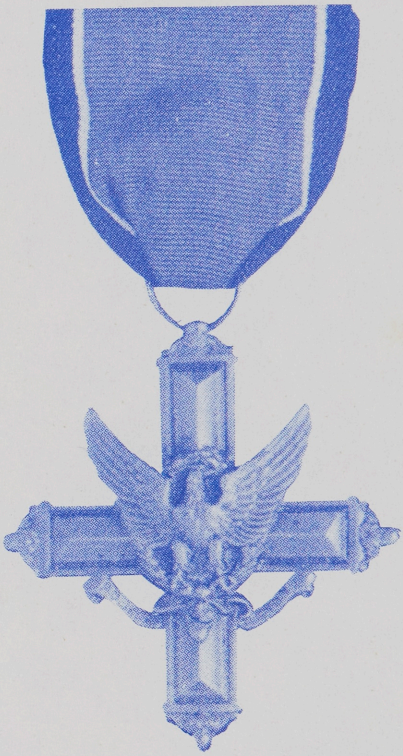
ROBERT N. SAULS
CWO UNITED STATES ARMY
KILLED IN ACTION
11 MARCH 1969
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM



MEMORIAL
DEDICATION CEREMONIES
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18 MAY 1989

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS, OUR NATION'S SECOND HIGHEST AWARD FOR BRAVERY, WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED TO CWO SAULS FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

Chief Warrant Officer Sauls distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions from 23 February to 10 March 1969 as commander of his radar detachment at Fire Support Base Twelve, near Ben Het, during a siege of the base by North Vietnamese forces equipped with mortars, cannons, automatic weapons and small arms. Exposing himself to the barrage, Warrant Officer Sauls located many enemy firing emplacements both visually and by using radar. On six occasions he braved the intense fire to assist in evacuating casualties and frequently directed gun ships against the communists' locations. When the bombardment began on 23 February, he went to the area under heaviest attack where he manned a mortar and machine gun position, and when the need arose drove his jeep through the hail of fire to obtain ammunition. On 27 February and 1 March he received fragment wounds from incoming mortar rounds. Seeing a bunker take a direct hit on 6 March, he repeatedly entered the burning structure to remove casualties, weapons and ammunition. While monitoring the Special Forces' communications network on 10 March, Warrant Officer Sauls heard that a friendly element had received heavy casualties. He unhesitatingly drove to the site and found a seriously wounded soldier lying in the road. Braving enemy rounds which were impacting within twenty yards, he helped move the man to the safety of a trench and treated his wounds. He then went to a severely injured Vietnamese officer and was administering first aid when a hostile round struck nearby, fatally wounding him. Chief Warrant Officer Sauls' 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.

PROGRAM

Patriotic Selections	The Army Ground Forces Band— Fort McPherson, GA
Presentation of Colors	North Georgia College Corps of Cadets Color Guard
Invocation	Bill G. Hickem, D.D. Executive Minister, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA (Former Command Chaplin, 81st Army Command)
Welcome	Russ Jobson Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association
Dedication Address	Colonel J.W. Thurman, USA Chief of Armor/Calvary Tactics
Benediction	Frank J. Kloiber, Friend of and former officer with Robert N. Sauls in Vietnam
"Taps"	The Army Ground Forces Band
Retirement of Colors	North Georgia College Corps of Cadets Color Guard

"To Those Who Fight For it,
Life Has a Flavor
The Protected Never Know."
—Anonymous Marine
Khe Sanh, 1968

THE MEDAL

'Tis not the bit of bronze and medal,
That tells the time-worn tale,
Of some act of heroism
Where bullets whine and wail.

Nor are the colored ribbons,
Pinned on some strutting chest,
Always truthful indicators
Of the men who fought the best.

They will tarnish with the weather,
In the plush or on the shelf,
For the real and lasting medal,
IS THE SOUL WITHIN YOURSELF.

Telling the tale as long as you live,
And the truth of how you fought,
If you played the game with all you had,
YOU HAVE THE MEDAL
THAT CAN'T BE BOUGHT.

by Buck Private McCollum
from *History and Rhymes*
of the Lost Battalion,
c.1919

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