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Craig.Wheeler@mail.house.gov Subject: TEST Honored to help award the Bronze

Star to Vietnam Veterans Date: Tue, 08 Aug 2023 10:59:42 -0400 Honored to help

award the Bronze Star to Vietnam Veterans for their service in the U.S. Army

Image: Bronze Star Ceremony , Caption: Congressman Bob Latta presents the Bronze

Star to Mr. Jim Sanders from Wauseon, Ohio. Dear friend, Recently, I had the true

honor of helping award 35 Vietnam Veterans of the "B" Company, 720th Military

Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade with Bronze Stars for their

meritorious service in the U.S. Army. These heroes have been waiting decades for

this recognition, and I was humbled to play a small role in helping secure

these Bronze Stars on their behalf through a ceremony in the United States

Capitol. Each of these men were called upon by their nation to perform duties

outside of what they signed up for, and they more than rose to the occasion.

Their sacrifices, and those of their families, will never be forgotten. While

our nation continues to owe these veterans – and all those across our country –

a larger debt of gratitude, my sincere hope is that receiving the Bronze Star

will be a step in the right direction in acknowledging their brave actions.

Read more about these heroes in the following published articles: 56

Vietnam-Era MPs Receive Bronze Stars Amid Army Review of Past

Honors(https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.military.com/daily-news/2023/07/25/56-vietnam-era-m

) 'Out of the shadows': Military police from Vietnam War receive long-awaited

awards(https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.stripes.com/veterans/2023-07-25/army-military-police-

) Wauseon veteran receives Bronze Star 53 years after Vietnam

War(https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.wtol.com/article/news/local/wauseon-veteran-bronze-star-

) Continue reading below to view photos from the ceremony and to learn more

about the process of securing Bronze Stars for their service in the U.S. Army.

Bronze Star Ceremony Bronze Stars Bronze Star Award Bronze Star Bronze Star

Ceremony Bronze Star Ceremony Two years ago, I received a copy of a book

written by Robert Bogison, entitled Up Close & Personal, that detailed the

service and history of "B" Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 18th

Military Police Brigade during the Vietnam War. The book came with a letter

appealing for assistance with their effort to obtain either the Army's Combat

Action Badge (CAB) or Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) to recognize their unique

service during the Vietnam War. While they were classified as military police

during their service, the Battalion unofficially performed infantry missions on

the front lines. After contacting the U.S. Department of Defense and the

Department of the Army to inquire as to the possibility of the group receiving

the CIB or CAB recognition, officials within the Defense Department undertook

an extensive search at multiple personnel records facilities to locate official

documentation that could back up claims that the company performed infantry

actions. The veterans group also provided documentation for the Army to

consider. After the Department of the Army concluded "B" Company performed

actions essential to the success of the entire 720th MP Battalion during the

Vietnam War, it was announced these individuals would be recognized with Bronze

Stars for their service. The veterans group began collecting applications from

individual members and submitting them to my office. We transferred these

through the Army Liaison's office, who then submitted them to Army Human

Resources Command. This application process began in January of 2023 and is

ongoing. To date, my office has received 56 out of 56 medals and 56 out of 56

certificates. 4 additional applications are still under consideration by Human

Resources Command. *** It's an honor to serve you in Congress. For timely

updates on my work on behalf of Ohio's Fifth District, follow me on

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). As always, if you have any comments, questions, or ideas for me and my

team, please do not hesitate to call, write, or click here(<http://latta.house.gov/contact>)

to send a direct message.