



*Resolution 95-1*  
**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION  
AND COMMENDATION TO  
COLONEL THOMAS F. ELLZEY JR.  
FOR DEDICATION AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Members of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority that,

WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas F. Ellzey Jr, has served the United States Army with exceptional merit for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Ellzey Jr, has served the Monterey Community and Fort Ord Community with effective action and dedication since 1993; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Fort Ord, Colonel Thomas F. Ellzey Jr. dedicated his first priority to winning the trust and confidence of the Monterey Civilian Community; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas F. Ellzey Jr. kindness and compassion extended to the civilian workers of Fort Ord and was instrumental in securing federal jobs for over 2000 of the civilian workers; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas F. Ellzey Jr. has exceeded all expectations in helping the soldiers, civilian workers and the Monterey Community; and

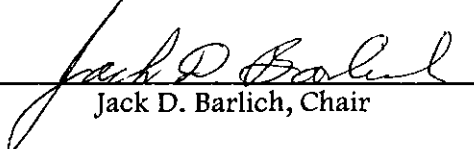
WHEREAS, in conjunction with the above statements, Colonel Thomas F. Ellzey Jr. has established excellent working relations and friendships with the members of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board and Staff; and

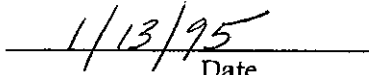
WHEREAS, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board desires to publicly recognize and commend Colonel Thomas F. Ellzey Jr. for his service to the Authority and the People of Monterey County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED for all the reasons enumerated above, but not limited thereto, the Fort Ord Resue Authority Board hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and commendation to COLONEL THOMAS F. ELLZEY JR. for his service to FORA;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority extends its thanks and best wishes to COLONEL THOMAS F. ELLZEY JR. for continued success in all his endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority this 13th day of January, 1995.

  
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Jack D. Barlich, Chair

  
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Date



RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD		<input type="checkbox"/> HEROISM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE	
For use of this form, see AR 672-5-1; the proponent agency is MILPERCEN			
TO: (Include ZIP code) Commander, I Corps and Fort Lewis ATTN: Personnel Operations Branch Fort Lewis, Washington 98433		FROM: (Include ZIP code) Commander 7th Infantry Division (Light) Fort Lewis, Washington 98433	
PART I - PERSONAL DATA			
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME Ellzey, Thomas Frederick, Jr.		2. SSN [REDACTED]	3. GRADE COL
5. ORGANIZATION AND STATION U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Ord, California 93941		4. BRANCH/PNOS (EM) Aviation	
6. RECOMMENDED AWARD (Include Oak Leaf Clusters) Distinguished Service Medal		7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION 31 August 1994		8. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH	
9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK	
AWARD:			
PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE			
10. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED 41 <del>October</del> 1967 - 31 August 1994		11. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 8 & STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, PCS, etc.) 31 Aug 93 - 31 Aug 94 (Retirement)	
12. ALL PREVIOUS AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL (Do not include interim awards) LOM-1, DFC-1, BSM-1, PH-1, MSM-5, AM-9, AM-1V, ARCOM-1			
PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM			
13. INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESSES ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF 8 x 10 1/2 BOND PAPER: a. Full name, b. SSN, c. Grade, d. Unit. & STATE REASONS IF EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS ARE NOT ATTACHED.			
14. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED			
a. LOCATION		b. TIME	c. DATE
15. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT(S)			
PART IV - PROPOSED CITATION			
16. DESCRIBE THE INDIVIDUAL'S PERFORMANCE IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW. DO NOT USE A CONTINUATION SHEET EXCEPT FOR HEROISM AWARDS AND AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM 11 OCTOBER 1967 TO 31 AUGUST 1994 WHILE SERVING IN POSITIONS OF INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY, CULMINATING IN HIS ASSIGNMENT AS COMMANDER, FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA. COLONEL ELLZEY'S PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE AND INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ENRICHMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE FORT ORD COMMUNITY. HIS FOREMOST CONCERN HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO CARE FOR THE SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS WELL AS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES DURING THE TURBULENT TIME OF BASE CLOSURE AT FORT ORD. HIS 27 YEARS OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON HIM, FORT ORD, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.			
PART V - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION			
18. LIST ATTACHMENTS (authorized for Heroism and DSM awards only). See Chapter 2, AR 672-5-1 for preparation. 1. Narrative 2. ORB		17. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED CG, 7th ID(L) and Fort Ord	
19. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:		18. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION RICHARD F. TIMMONS, Major General, USA, Commanding General	
		19. SIGNATURE <i>Richard F. Timmons</i>	21. DATE 18 June '94

NARRATIVE

COLONEL THOMAS F. ELLZEY, JUNIOR, IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE DURING HIS 27 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. COLONEL ELLZEY ENTERED THE ARMY IN OCTOBER 1967 AND WAS COMMISSIONED IN FEBRUARY 1969 AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE INFANTRY. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS SERVED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF COMMAND AND STAFF ASSIGNMENTS. AFTER COMPLETING OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL, HIS INITIAL ASSIGNMENT WAS WITH A TRAINING COMPANY AT FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA. HIS SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED ONE TOUR IN VIETNAM WITH THE 2D SQUADRON, 17TH CAVALRY, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION; THE 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA; CAMP ZAMA, JAPAN; CAS3 STAFF LEADER AT FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS; AND THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION (LIGHT), HAWAII.

COLONEL ELLZEY'S MILITARY AWARDS INCLUDE THE LEGION OF MERIT, THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, BRONZE STAR, AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE, PURPLE HEART, COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE, AND THE SENIOR AVIATOR BADGE.

HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, AND IS A GRADUATE OF THE INFANTRY OFFICER BASIC AND ADVANCE COURSES, THE ROTARY AVIATOR QUALIFICATIONS COURSE, COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE, AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL COURSE.

SINCE HIS ARRIVAL AT FORT ORD IN JULY 1993, COLONEL ELLZEY HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT EVENTS EFFECTING THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE OF FORT ORD AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY ANNEX.

HIS CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THIS PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING. HE HAS BEEN THE MAJOR FORCE IN MEETING THE 30 SEPTEMBER 1994 CLOSURE DATE. WITHOUT HIS LEADERSHIP, FORESIGHT AND EFFICIENCY, THAT DATE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN MET WITH SUCH COMPLETE SUCCESS.

COLONEL ELLZEY'S FIRST PRIORITY WAS TO WIN THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE OF THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY. HE DID THIS BY ESTABLISHING A SUPERB WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MAYORS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA, COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, THE FORT ORD REUSE GROUP, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG AND ARDUOUS TASK, BUT HE PROVED ONE VERY IMPORTANT POINT -- THAT THE BASE REALIGNMENT PROCESS CAN BE CONDUCTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF INFORMATION SHARING WHILE BALANCING THE NEEDS OF THE ARMY AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. ALL HIS HARD WORK WILL COME TO FRUITION WHEN FORT ORD, THE FIRST MAJOR INSTALLATION TO DO SO, TRANSFERS LAND TO CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES IN JULY 1994.

COLONEL ELLZEY ALSO INITIATED AND GUIDED A COMPLETE REVIEW OF ALL NONAPPROPRIATED FUND ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE THAT, AS THESE PROGRAMS AND PERSONNEL WERE REDUCED IN SCOPE, THEY MAINTAINED THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN TERMS OF RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE CONTINUED TO BE PROFITABLE IN SPITE OF CONSTANTLY DIMINISHING RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL.

COLONEL ELLZEY'S KINDNESS AND COMPASSION DID NOT STOP WITH THE SOLDIERS. HE PERSONALLY LED THE FIGHT TO SAVE THE CIVILIAN WORKFORCE FROM REDUCTION IN FORCE ACTIONS. HE PROVIDED STRONG PERSONAL SUPPORT AND SUPERVISION TO ENSURE CIVILIANS WHO WANTED JOBS, GOT THEM. HE DIRECTED AND SUPERVISED A COMPREHENSIVE AND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PLAN TO TRANSFER POSITIONS AND FUNCTIONS TO THE DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTER. HIS PLAN NOT ONLY SAVED JOBS, BUT ENSURED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SOLDIERS WHO REMAIN ON THE MONTEREY PENINSULA AFTER FORT ORD CLOSURE. THE PLAN WAS SO SUCCESSFUL THAT ONLY 125 OF THE APPROXIMATELY 2,500 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WERE SEPARATED FROM FEDERAL SERVICE.

COLONEL ELLZEY'S DEEP CONCERN FOR THE SOLDIER AND HIS FAMILY, HIS COMMITMENT TO THE "TOTAL FORCE" OF THE ARMY, AND HIS NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS SERVE AS EXAMPLES TO ALL AND EARNED HIM THE RESPECT OF HIS PEERS, SUBORDINATES, AND SUPERIORS.

COLONEL ELLZEY IS COMPLETING HIS MILITARY CAREER AT FORT ORD WITH 27 YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE, ALL OF WHICH HAVE CLEARLY BEEN IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST OF MILITARY TRADITION AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, FORT ORD, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.