Pelliccia Wins USAF 'V' Device

Army Spec. 4 C. Dennis Pelliccia has been awarded the first oak leaf cluster with 'V' (for Victory) device to the Air Medal for heroism while engaged in aerial flights in South Vietnam. Assigned to the Aviation Section of Headquarters, lst Region, Army Air Defense Command at Stewart Air Force Base, Pelliccia was presented the award by Maj. Gen. Melville B. Coburn, commanding general of the region.

The 24-year-old soldier distinguished himself May 12, 1968, by exceptionally valuable actions while participating in the emergency resupply of ammunition and final evacuation of American and allied forces from the Special Forces Camp at Kham Duc, South Vietnam, which was under enemy attack.

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Copter chief wins medal

Army Specialist Awarded Air Medal For Valor

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Assigned to the Aviation Section of Headquarters, lst Region, Army Air Defense Command at Stewart Air Force Base, Pelliccia assisted in the extraction of a battalion of infantry, personal heroism on Jan. 2, 1967. He continued to perform at peak efficiency throughout the day, despite heavy and accurate enemy fire from the South Vietnamese, which was under enemy attack.

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