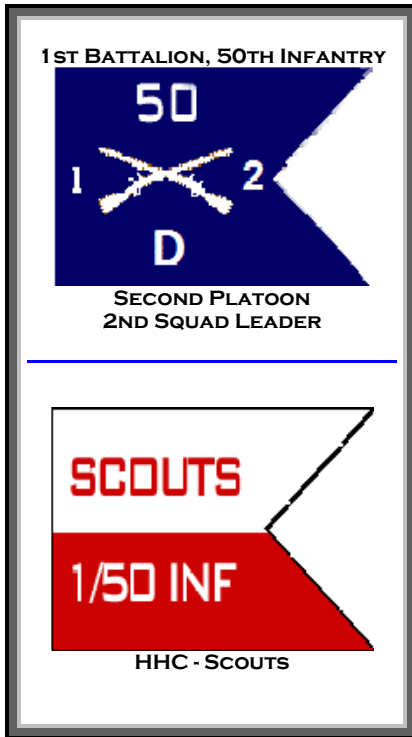




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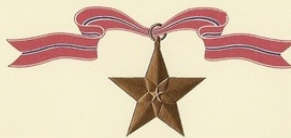
ORDAZ - Rigoberto "Rigo" Felix Ordaz, 69, passed away on June 14, 2016, at his residence in Mission.

Rigo is preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Delfina G. Ordaz; sisters, Raquel O. Vargas, Rebeca O. Laredo, and Rosalinda O. Hernandez.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Hilda E. Ordaz; daughter, Christina Ordaz Dominguez; grandchildren, Abigail Y. Dominguez, Adrian J. Dominguez. He is also survived by his siblings, Maria Rene O. Cortez, Ricardo Ordaz, Rodolfo Ordaz, Rosa Maria O. Garcia, Rosa Elia O. Chacon.



Rigo Ordaz served in the US Army in Vietnam with the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry as a Recon Platoon Scout and an Infantry Rifle Platoon Squad Leader. Among his awards were the Bronze Star for Valor and Purple Heart.



### THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1247

3 MAY 1968

FOR HEROISM IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE .

SPECIALIST FOUR ORDAZ DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 9 MARCH 1968 IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. ON THIS DAY, COMPANY D WAS ATTACKED BY AN ENEMY BATTALION. COMPANY D EXPERIENCED SEVERE CASUALTIES IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE SUSTAINED ACTION AND A MED-EVAC HELICOPTER WAS CALLED IN. AS THE SHIP WAS NEARING THE PERIMETER, IT RECEIVED INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE AND CRASHED 50 METERS OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER

SPECIALIST ORDAZ WAS PART OF A THREE MAN ELEMENT WHO UNHESITATINGLY VOLUNTEERED TO GO TO THE RESCUE OF THE DOWNED HELICOPTER. EXPOSING HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY FIRE, HE AND THE OTHER TWO MEN RUSHED TO THE AIRCRAFT AND REMOVED THE ENTIRE CREW. CONSTANTLY UNDER HEAVY FIRE, SPECIALIST ORDAZ SUCCEEDED IN CARRYING THE INJURED CREW TO THE SAFETY OF THE PERIMETER. HIS ACTIONS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF THE CREW MEMBERS.

SPECIALIST FOUR ORDAZ'S ACTIONS WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.