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THROUGH THE LENS

JANUARY 1990: Tech. Sgt. Louis Jones, left, 178th Security Police Flight, receives his weapon and ammunition prior to going on patrol during Winterbase 1990 at Gulfport, Miss.



WEEK IN REVIEW

F JANUARY 26, 1968: The 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron is ordered into federal service in response to the seizure of the USS Pueblo by North Korea in the Sea of Japan.

Sa JANUARY 27-31, 1945: During its drive south to Manila, the 37th Infantry Division, with the 145th Infantry on the left and 129th Infantry on the right, swings west to attack and seize Fort Stotsenburg, Clark Field and the heights west of the field known as the "Top of the World."



HALL OF VALOR

SERGEANT FRANK HERNANDEZ

COMPANY C, 148TH INFANTRY
37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

JANUARY 23, 1945
SAN FELIPE, LUZON,
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Frank Hernandez, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company C, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces near San Felipe, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 January 1945. Sergeant Hernandez, an assistant squad leader, commanded the lead vehicle of a motorized patrol moving from Zaragoza to San Felipe. Informed

that twenty enemy soldiers were in a house in San Felipe, he left the main body of the patrol a short distance from the town and moved forward in his vehicle with the driver, a native guide and rifleman. Discovering an enemy soldier in the shadows near a house, he opened fire with the machine gun mounted on his vehicle and killed him as he tried to take cover. The enemy force inside the house then opened fire on the vehicle, and the driver and the other two men took cover. Under heavy fire, Sergeant Hernandez remained at this position and operated his machine gun, forcing the enemy to cease firing. He then organized his companions to protect the rear and, securing a rocket launcher, moved forward into the open yard. Though the enemy again opened heavy fire, he knelt in the open, took careful aim and launched rockets into the house until all twenty of the enemy were destroyed. Several days later, while leading his men against the enemy in Manila, he was killed by an enemy mortar shell. Sergeant Hernandez, through his heroism and gallant leadership under fire, made an outstanding contribution to the successful occupation of San Felipe.



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