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#### Vietnam Vet Purple Heart Recognition at Ft Leavenworth Friday

(KAIR) -- A regional Vietnam veteran will be able to get a formal ceremony Friday morning for the Purple Heart 45 years after being wounded in war.

Brig. Gen. Mike Lundy, deputy commanding general of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth will pin a Purple Heart on Danny Taylor.

The ceremony will take place at 10 at the Dwight D. Eisenhower VAMC in the Schwarzkopf Conference Room-B222.

Taylor, 65, of Kansas City, Kansas, was wounded in 1968, received his Purple Heart about 30 years later, but was never honored at a formal ceremony.

Recently, his relatives contacted Post 56 of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Leavenworth about arranging a ceremony, and the VFW asked Fort Leavenworth to provide a general officer for the award service.

In Vietnam, Taylor was a Specialist E-5 serving in the 86th Maintenance Battalion.

On January 31, 1968, Taylor's unit came under a mortar attack during the Tet offensive, and Taylor suffered wounds to his arm, leg and back.

He was discharged from the Army in April 1968 and continued his service in the Kansas National Guard in the 1970s.

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