



Retired Army Colonel Robert L. Howard, the only Soldier in our nation's history to be nominated for the Medal of Honor three times for three separate actions within a thirteen month period, died on 24 December. Although it can only be awarded once to an individual, men who served with him said he deserved all three. He received a direct appointment from Master Sergeant to 1st Lieutenant in 1969, and was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Richard M. Nixon at the White House in 1971. His other awards for valor include the Distinguished Service Cross—our nation's second highest award, the Silver Star—the third highest award, and numerous lesser decorations including eight Purple Hearts. He received his decorations for valor for actions while serving as an NCO (Sergeant First Class). (<http://rlhtribute.com>)



**COLONEL
ROBERT L. HOWARD**

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