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Former Captain Ernest Medina was obviously happy as he showed off his discharge certificate

An Honorable Discharge

It's Mr. Medina Now

Fort McPherson, Ga.

Captain Ernest L. Medina, who commanded U.S. ground troops at My Lai and was found innocent of all charges in connection with the massacre, became a civilian yesterday.

Medina, 35, clad in Army uniform, walked into the post headquarters building to pick up his honorable discharge and walked out 20 minutes later wearing a brown civilian suit.

Grinning broadly, Medina told newsmen he had "no regrets whatsoever" at resigning from the Army after 16 years of service, and said he would be at his new job in Michigan Monday

morning.

He disclosed his position with the helicopter company owned primarily by his well-known defense attorney, F. Lee Bailey.

"I'll be assistant to the chairman of the board, who is Mr. Bailey," said Medina. "He's presently president of the company, but I suggest that he'd better watch out," the former captain added, smiling.

The company, the R. J. Enstrom Corp. of Menominee, Mich., manufactures non-military helicopters.

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