



**Roger W. Hassard**

Lieutenant  
Class of 1963



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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) to  
Lieutenant Roger W. Hassard  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving as Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT GAMMON from March 1966 to March 1967. On 1 January 1967, while on MARKET TIME patrol in the South China Sea off An Xuyen Province, POINT GAMMON intercepted radio traffic from an inshore patrol PCF which had engaged, and been partially disabled by an infiltrating enemy steelhulled trawler. POINT GAMMON immediately proceeded to the scene, detected the trawler, and closed it, challenging as she approached the trawler. PCF 68 arrived on scene almost simultaneously with POINT GAMMON and as POINT GAMMON illuminated the trawler and PCF 68 fired warning shots, the trawler took PCF 68 under fire. A running fire fight ensued with the enemy vessel taking both POINT GAMMON and PCF 68 under intense machine gun fire. In a team effort, both units raked the enemy with .50 caliber machine gun fire, and with POINT GAMMON providing mortar illumination, PCF 68 took the trawler under direct mortar fire, setting the enemy afire with a direct hit. As a result of damage inflicted by the patrol units, the flaming enemy trawler exploded and sank. This outstanding action was successfully prosecuted without personnel casualties or damage to POINT GAMMON. Further actions conducted by POINT GAMMON resulted in a number of hostile junks destroyed, several enemy structures destroyed and damaged, and other significant losses to the enemy. Lieutenant Hassard’s contributions to the coordination of MARKET TIME inshore units, while assigned to Coastal Surveillance Center, Vung Tau, have been instrumental in improving the effort against the Viet Cong. Lieutenant Hassard’s intelligent and courageous response, cool demeanor under fire, and unyielding dedication to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Hassard went on to obtain advanced degrees in electrical engineering and business administration and served in numerous electrical engineering positions with an emphasis in radionavigation (LORAN-C). Lieutenant Hassard retired at the rank of Commander.

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