



David C. Brostrom
Lieutenant Junior Grade
Class of 1963



**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) posthumously to
Lieutenant Junior Grade David C. Brostrom
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For meritorious service as Commanding Officer of USCGC POINT WELCOME, a unit attached to Division TWELVE, Coast Guard Squadron ONE, from 29 April to 11 August 1966. During this time, POINT WELCOME, assigned to the U.S. Navy Coastal Surveillance Force engaged in Operation MARKET TIME, conducted vigilant and aggressive patrols along the hostile northern coastline of the Republic of Vietnam to prevent infiltration of forces and supplies to the Viet Cong. Lieutenant (junior grade) Brostrom was directly instrumental in developing a highly-disciplined and efficiently-trained crew which gallantly sustained the mistaken and tragic attack by three friendly aircraft during the early morning hours of 11 August 1966. Despite the fact that not one man on board escaped injury from the intense machine-gun fire, the cutter's surviving crew of nine men carried out their duties in accordance with the high standard and esprit established by Lieutenant (junior grade) Brostrom and saved the vessel from destruction. By his outstanding leadership and inspiring devotion to duty, Lieutenant (junior grade) Brostrom upheld the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Brostrom was killed in the line of duty on 11 August 1966.