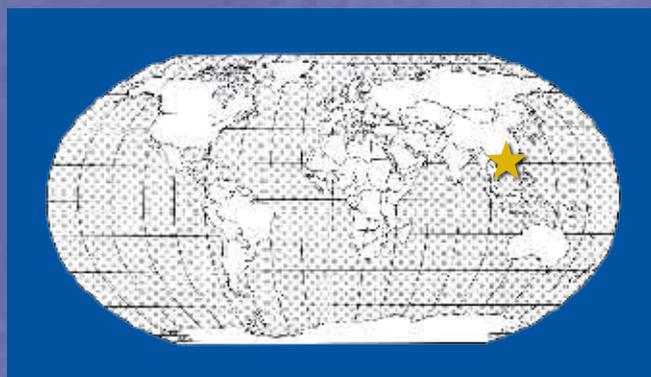


James A. White
Lieutenant Junior Grade
Class of 1965



**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) to
Lieutenant Junior Grade James A. White
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For service as set forth in the following Summary:

For courageous actions while leading a small boat operation off of the coast of Vietnam during November 1968. This small boat operation was a psyops (psychological operations) up a canal to visit areas of questionable Viet Cong activity. Lieutenant (junior grade) White was serving as patrol commander in the lead boat, a 14-foot Boston Whaler, when it came under heavy enemy fire from six different concealed locations. The initial volley of fire hit Lieutenant (junior grade) White's boat and severely wounded the machine gun operator who was located just to Lieutenant (junior grade) White's right and damaged his M-60 machine gun. Initially, Lieutenant (junior grade) White began firing his M-79 grenade launcher in order to suppress the enemy's fire. He then took the machine gun, cleared the weapon, restored it to operation and continued firing at a variety of enemy positions. Lieutenant (junior grade) White also called the USCGC POINT WHITE and asked that the POINT WHITE put some 81 mm mortar rounds along the canal banks as both boats left the area. Once clear of the area, Lieutenant (junior grade) White administered first aid to his wounded machine gun operator. Lieutenant (junior grade) White and another of his boat crew received minor wounds although his machine gun operator was severely wounded. Lieutenant (junior grade) White's actions were credited with saving the lives of six others in both small boats.

Lieutenant (junior grade) White retired at the rank of Commander.
