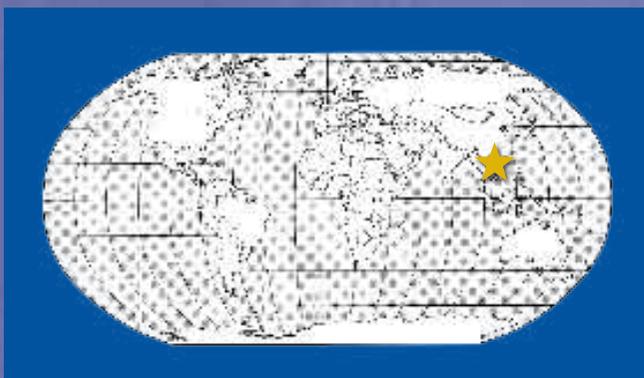




**Richard Paul Oswitt**  
Lieutenant Commander  
Class of 1966



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**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Bronze Star Medal (with Valor) to  
Lieutenant Commander Richard Paul Oswitt  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Gong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1969 to March 1970. While serving as Commanding Officer of the United States Coast Guard Cutter Point Comfort, Lieutenant Oswitt's aggressive leadership, initiative and sound judgment made his vessel a highly effective combat unit, compiling an impressive record in carrying out all phases of Market Time operations. His alert attitude during patrols resulted in the apprehension of numerous Viet Gong suspects and the capture of several confirmed Viet Cong. He further pursued and inflicted extremely heavy losses upon the enemy while conducting one hundred forty-eight gunfire support missions. His outstanding performance of duty greatly contributed to counter-infiltration efforts at a time of increasing enemy activity. After training a Vietnamese crew to assume the responsibility of operating his craft and the turnover was completed, he was assigned as Operations Officer of Coast Guard Division Thirteen. In that capacity, he was instrumental in planning and coordinating the combined Navy and Coast Guard Sea Lords operations. Lieutenant Oswitt's professionalism, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Commander Oswitt was later the Commanding Officer of Support Center Alameda and retired at the rank of Captain.

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