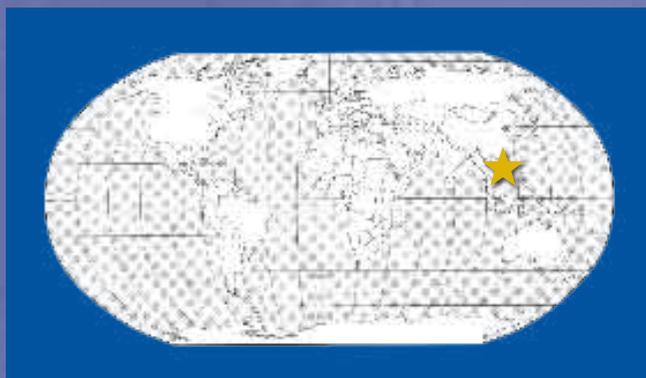




**James M. Loy**

Lieutenant  
Class of 1964



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**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Bronze Star Medal to  
Lieutenant James M. Loy  
United States Coast Guard**

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For service as set forth in the following Summary:

Lieutenant James Loy was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V" for Valor during the Vietnam War for his actions from October, 1966 through April, 1967 as Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Cutter Point Lomas. Cited for two distinct actions, Lieutenant Loy distinguished himself as a courageous and intelligent leader. Immediately after assuming command, Lieutenant Loy was tasked to insert a covert team of Marines well north of the DMZ. During the landing, the Point Lomas and the insertion team came under extremely heavy enemy fire. Lieutenant Loy immediately recovered the insertion team, firing at enemy positions to ensure their safety. After several additional attempts over a 24-hour period, Lieutenant Loy completed the mission, safely inserting the covert Marine team with no casualties. In March of 1967, Lieutenant Loy led the Point Lomas in a heroic combat search and rescue effort which saved the lives of 20 Marines. During a horrific storm, a Marine CH-3 Jolly Green Giant crashed on the beach at the entrance of Da Nang Harbor in enemy territory. Lieutenant Loy arrived on scene and provided covering fire for the periled air crew, recovering half of the Marines during the course of the evening, and providing cover for a Marine land search and rescue team that rescued the remaining soldiers the next morning.

Lieutenant Loy would become the twenty-first Commandant of the Coast Guard, and retired at the rank of Admiral. He later became the Director of the Transportation Security Administration, and the Deputy and Acting Secretary of Homeland Security.

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