



**Herbert J. Lynch**

Captain  
Class of 1946



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**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Bronze Star Medal (with Valor), on two occasions, to  
Captain Herbert J. Lynch  
United States Coast Guard**

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For service as set forth in the following Citations:

For meritorious service in connection with operations involving conflict against the enemy forces in North Vietnam as Commanding Officer, USCGC WINONA (WHEC 65). Captain Lynch displayed outstanding professionalism and decisiveness in countering the infiltration attempt of an enemy steel hulled, trawler type, supply ship off the coast of South Vietnam while on MARKET TIME patrol on the morning of 1 March 1968. Having skillfully shadowed the enemy ship for more than six hours Captain Lynch challenged the trawler after she had entered South Vietnamese waters and then promptly sank the vessel after the challenge had been answered by enemy fire. The destruction of the supply ship which was loaded with arms and munitions for the Viet Cong forces prevented these vitally needed materials from reaching enemy hands and was accomplished without serious damage to friendly units or personnel casualties. The quick initiative and professional conduct displayed by Captain Lynch were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For meritorious service as Commanding Officer of USCGC WINONA (WHEC-65) from 25 January to 29 June 1968 during combat operations against the enemy. Captain Lynch's personal initiative and sustained performance marked by skillful professionalism, effectively sustained his ship through three anti-infiltration patrols and thirteen naval gunfire support missions, during which he fired 1,510 rounds of 5"/38 ammunition. His dedication to duty coupled with aggressive leadership guided the ship to an outstanding degree of reliability and performance and reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Services.

Captain Lynch was later the 12th District Operations Officer and Chief of Staff, and retired at the rank of Captain.

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