



Gerald A. McGill

Lieutenant Junior Grade
Class of 1965



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

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam and as Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT WELCOME. Lieutenant Junior Grade McGill engaged in the interdiction of a Communist insurgent resupply ship on 1 March 1968. Utilizing his vessel's capabilities to the maximum extent, displaying superb seamanship and courageous and determined leadership under fire, he contributed very significantly to driving the enemy vessel ashore resulting in its subsequent self-destruction. His magnificent use of his vessel's weaponry resulted in numerous hits on the armed enemy ship, and the suppression of return fire and interdiction of enemy attempts to offload the cargo which consisted of at least 650 small arms and large quantities of heavy caliber automatic weapon and small arms ammunition. The subsequent capture of this cargo deprived the Communist insurgents of sorely needed arms and ammunition. Lieutenant Junior Grade McGill's courage under fire, superb shiphandling and outstanding leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard and United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Junior Grade McGill departed active duty and went on to pursue a law degree upon fulfillment of his service obligation.
