



**Arthur E. Katz**  
Lieutenant Junior Grade  
Class of 1963



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

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For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For meritorious service while serving as Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT CYPRESS, a unit attached to Division THIRTEEN, Coast Guard Squadron ONE from December 1965 to September 1966. On 24 March 1966, the POINT CYPRESS engaged a Viet Cong junk attempting to cross the Soi Rap River. During the ensuing fire fight, seven Viet Cong were killed in action and three captured along with a quantity of small arms, ammunition and documents. On 16 June 1966, Lieutenant (junior grade) Katz requested and obtained permission to conduct a radar surveillance patrol off the mouth of the Co Chien River. During the early morning hours, three junks were detected. The junks were then illuminated and warning shots were fired across the bow of the lead junk. A vicious fire fight then ensued with the POINT CYPRESS in the middle of it. By utilizing the POINT CYPRESS as strategically as possible, Lieutenant (junior grade) Katz was able to bring all five .50 caliber mounts to bear on all three junks. The well-disciplined and accurate fire by POINT CYPRESS severely damaged two of the junks and caused the total destruction of the third junk, which blew up with a tremendous secondary explosion. Three Viet Cong were killed in action during this action. Both of these outstanding performances were accomplished without personnel casualties to U.S. forces. In addition, the POINT CYPRESS, under Lieutenant (junior grade) Katz's leadership, has from April to September 1966 been engaged in MARKET TIME and GAME WARDEN patrol duties. During this period the POINT CYPRESS has cruised a total of 17,448 miles, detected 1,413 junks, inspected or boarded 1,084 junks, taken into custody two Viet Cong suspects, and participated in seven gunfire support missions. By his outstanding leadership qualities, resourcefulness, initiative, and aggressive action against enemy forces, Lieutenant (junior grade) Katz upheld the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Katz resigned his commission in 1967. Mr. Katz is the Chief Executive Officer of his own executive recruiting company in Atlanta, Georgia and sits on the Boards of several non-profit organizations.

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