



Harry J. Godfrey, III
Lieutenant Junior Grade
Class of 1967



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

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 Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1969 to August 1970. While serving as Commanding Officer of United States Coast Guard Cutter POINT CYPRESS, Lieutenant (junior grade) Godfrey participated in numerous MARKET TIME patrols and engaged the enemy on seventeen occasions. His aggressive leadership, initiative and sound judgment made his vessel a highly effective combat unit which carried out all phases of MARKET TIME operations. While averaging over seventy percent time underway, he traveled over fourteen thousand miles in counter-infiltration patrols aimed at preventing the transportation of enemy men and material at sea by conducting board and search operations. During those patrols, he boarded and searched numerous junks and sampans and apprehended forty-nine Viet Cong suspects. He constantly pursued the enemy and inflicted heavy losses on them during eighty-nine naval gunfire support missions which resulted in one hundred seven enemy structures and sixty-four sampans damaged or destroyed. When his vessel was selected for Vietnamization, he skillfully directed the small craft assets training and turnover of resources program culminating in that unit being transferred to the Vietnamese Navy. Lieutenant (junior grade) Godfrey's professionalism, exemplary leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Godfrey resigned his commission in 1971 and subsequently served 25 years as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is a 1986 graduate of the National War College.
