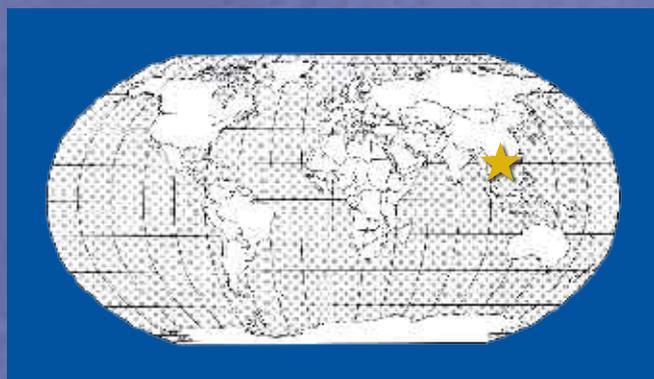




Robert E. Williams
Lieutenant Junior Grade
Class of 1967



**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) to
Lieutenant Junior Grade Robert E. Williams
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 October 1969 to August 1970. While serving as Commanding Officer of the United States Coast Guard Cutters POINT WELCOME, POINT DUME and POINT ORIENT, Lieutenant (junior grade) Williams performed MARKET TIME patrols in the South China Sea. His aggressive leadership, initiative and sound judgment made his vessels effective combat units which carried out all phases of MARKET TIME operations. During those patrols, he boarded and searched numerous junks and sampans and detained twelve of those in addition to apprehending seventy-seven Viet Cong suspects. He consistently pursued the enemy and inflicted heavy losses on them during eighteen naval gunfire support missions which resulted in damage to numerous bunkers. On three occasions, Lieutenant (junior grade) Williams provided emergency naval gunfire support for Coastal Group Sixteen when it was threatened by Viet Cong troops. In addition to his boats' outstanding readiness posture, he provided frequent logistical support for coastal groups and naval support activity detachments along the I Corps Tactical Zone coast. After being transferred to Coast Guard Division Thirteen, he served as Chief Staff Officer and continued his outstanding performance during the final phase down of the division. Lieutenant (junior grade) Williams' professionalism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Williams retired at the rank of Captain.
