



**Richard V. Butchka**

Lieutenant  
Class of 1964

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
the Distinguished Flying Cross to  
Lieutenant Richard V. Butchka  
**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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For service as set forth in the following citation:

Lieutenant Richard V. Butchka distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as Aircraft Commander of a HH-3E helicopter in Southeast Asia on 24 October 1969. On that date, in the face of known hostile forces, who had just shot down another rescue helicopter, Lieutenant Butchka, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, skillfully and expeditiously effected the rescue of three crewmen from the downed helicopter. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Butchka reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.

Lieutenant Butchka retired at the rank of Captain.

