



**Gerald L. Underwood**

Lieutenant Junior Grade  
Class of 1966

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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 Gerald L. Underwood  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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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 1968 to October 1969. Lieutenant Junior Grade Underwood served as Commanding Officer, United States Coast Guard Cutter POINT BANKS. His aggressive leadership and mature judgment made his ship a highly effective Operation MARKET TIME unit, compiling an impressive record in carrying out all phases of coastal patrol and enabling his unit to suppress enemy fire on numerous occasions and inflict substantial losses on the enemy while sustaining neither material damage nor personnel casualties to his own unit. He was also instrumental in improving the material condition of his craft and maintaining morale at a high level. Lieutenant Junior Grade Underwood’s exemplary professionalism and devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Underwood retired at the rank of Captain.

