



William C. Carr

Lieutenant (junior grade)
Class of 1965

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
this Citation to accompany the award of the Bronze Star to
Lieutenant Junior Grade William C. Carr
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

Lieutenant (junior grade) Carr is cited for meritorious service in connection with operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force in the Republic of Vietnam on 10 March 1968. On that date enemy artillery fire struck the Naval Support Activity Detachment Cua Viet LST ramp, causing many secondary explosions and fires. Lieutenant (junior grade) Carr brought his vessel, the USCGC POINT ARDEN (WPB 82309) across the rough Cua Viet bar and into the vicinity of the LST ramp. He sent ashore a fire fighting party which successfully secured much of the burning material, towed an ammunition laden vessel away from the fire, and used his vessel's communication facilities to organize further firefighting parties and medical assistance. He then maneuvered POINT ARDEN alongside the ramp to assist in fighting the fire. When a large explosion severely damaged his vessel, he moved away from the ramp taking a doctor and several wounded personnel with him. Lieutenant (junior grade) Carr's ability to identify and take appropriate action and to organize the men and facilities at his disposal were instrumental in reducing the damage and casualties in this action. His alert thinking, prompt action and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

