



Richard James Andrews
Lieutenant
Class of 1967



**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star Medal to
Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Richard James Andrews
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 June 1970. While serving as Commanding Officer of the United States Coast Guard Cutter POINT CAUTION, Lieutenant (junior grade) ANDREWS conducted an aggressive and effective counter infiltration campaign against the enemy in MARKET TIME patrols in the South China Sea and in SEA LORDS operations in the Mekong Delta. His aggressiveness, initiative and sound judgement made the POINT CAUTION a highly effective combat unit which compiled an impressive record in all phases of MARKET TIME operations. During those patrols, he boarded and searched numerous junks and sampans and detained three carrying contraband and apprehended twenty-one Viet Cong suspects. Pursing the enemy, he inflicted heavy losses on them during twenty-six naval gunfire support missions which resulted in ninety-five structures and twelve sampans destroyed or damaged. On one occasion, POINT CAUTION was called upon to fire emergency illumination and gunfire support for a beleaguered outpost under siege by an estimated company of Viet Cong. His rapid and devastating response resulted in the withdrawal of enemy forces. He skillfully directed the POINT CAUTION while training a Vietnamese crew and maintained full readiness posture. Lieutenant (junior grade) ANDREWS’ professionalism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.
