



COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Bronze Star Medal to

JOSEPH ROBERT KERRY
LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE)
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

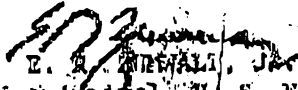
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

For heroic achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam on the 25th of February 1969. Lieutenant (junior grade) KERRY served as Officer in Charge of United States Navy SEAL Team ONE, Delta Platoon. While leading his men on patrol in the Than Phu Secret Zone, he encountered armed Viet Cong on two separate occasions. When fire was encountered, Lieutenant (junior grade) KERRY dispersed his men and returned the fire killing fourteen Viet Cong. Then, as he and his men were returning to a canal for extraction, enemy movement was detected. The ensuing fire fight ended with seven more aggressors killed. The net result of his patrol was twenty-one Viet Cong killed, two hootches destroyed and two enemy weapons captured. Lieutenant (junior grade) KERRY's outstanding professionalism, leadership, courage under fire and regard for the safety of his men were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant (junior grade) KERRY is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the President


E. A. MERVALE, JR.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
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