



The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN JACK B. ZIMMERMANN

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as Commanding Officer of Headquarters Battery, First Battalion, Thirteenth Marines, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade. In the early morning hours of 18 August 1968, Captain ZIMMERMANN was Platoon Commander of a reaction force assigned to assist a Marine mortar battery that was being assaulted by a large enemy unit supported by mortars near Cao Doi in Thua Thien Province. Despite adverse weather conditions and almost total darkness, Captain ZIMMERMANN skillfully maneuvered his platoon across 1,000 meters of irregular terrain and deployed his men for a counterattack against the hostile force. Realizing that the enemy had withdrawn, he then conducted a thorough search of the area to ensure that no hostile soldiers remained and ably directed his men in strengthening the position's defense. Ignoring the danger of numerous enemy explosive devices dispersed throughout the cantonment and of burning ammunition bunkers which threatened to detonate, he continuously inspected the defensive posts and assisted in the evacuation of the casualties. Continuing his determined efforts for a period of two days, he supervised the clearance of enemy ordnance and ensured that the mortar battery was returned to an operational status within a minimum amount of time. His bold initiative and resolute determination inspired all who served with him and contributed significantly to the accomplishment of his unit's mission. Captain ZIMMERMANN's courage, aggressive leadership and steadfast devotion to duty at great personal risk were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

Captain ZIMMERMANN is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

FOR THE PRESIDENT,

H. W. Buse Jr.

H. W. BUSE, JR.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC



*The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting a gold star
in lieu of the second BRONZE STAR MEDAL to*

CAPTAIN JACK BENJAMIN ZIMMERMAN

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as Commanding Officer of Battery K, Fourth Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade. On the morning of 19 September 1968, while occupying a fire support position at the Rockpile in Quang Tri Province, Captain Zimmerman's unit came under a heavy volume of North Vietnamese artillery fire. During the ensuing attack, several rounds impacted in Battery K's powder charge storage area, wounding several Marines and igniting an intense fire which rapidly spread to other storage points containing small arms and high explosive ammunition. Reacting instantly to a call for assistance, Captain Zimmerman unhesitatingly seized a nearby litter and, disregarding his own safety, ran across the fire-swept terrain to the location of the casualties. Ignoring the enemy rounds impacting near him and the fragmentation of exploding powder canisters, he fearlessly assisted in moving the wounded to the battalion aid station for medical evacuation by helicopter. Although painfully wounded, he resolutely returned to the hazardous area and directed the efforts of his men in extinguishing the fire. His bold initiative and sincere concern for the welfare of his Marines inspired all who served with him and were instrumental in saving the lives of several Marines. Captain Zimmerman's courage, exceptional leadership and selfless devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

Captain Zimmerman is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

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