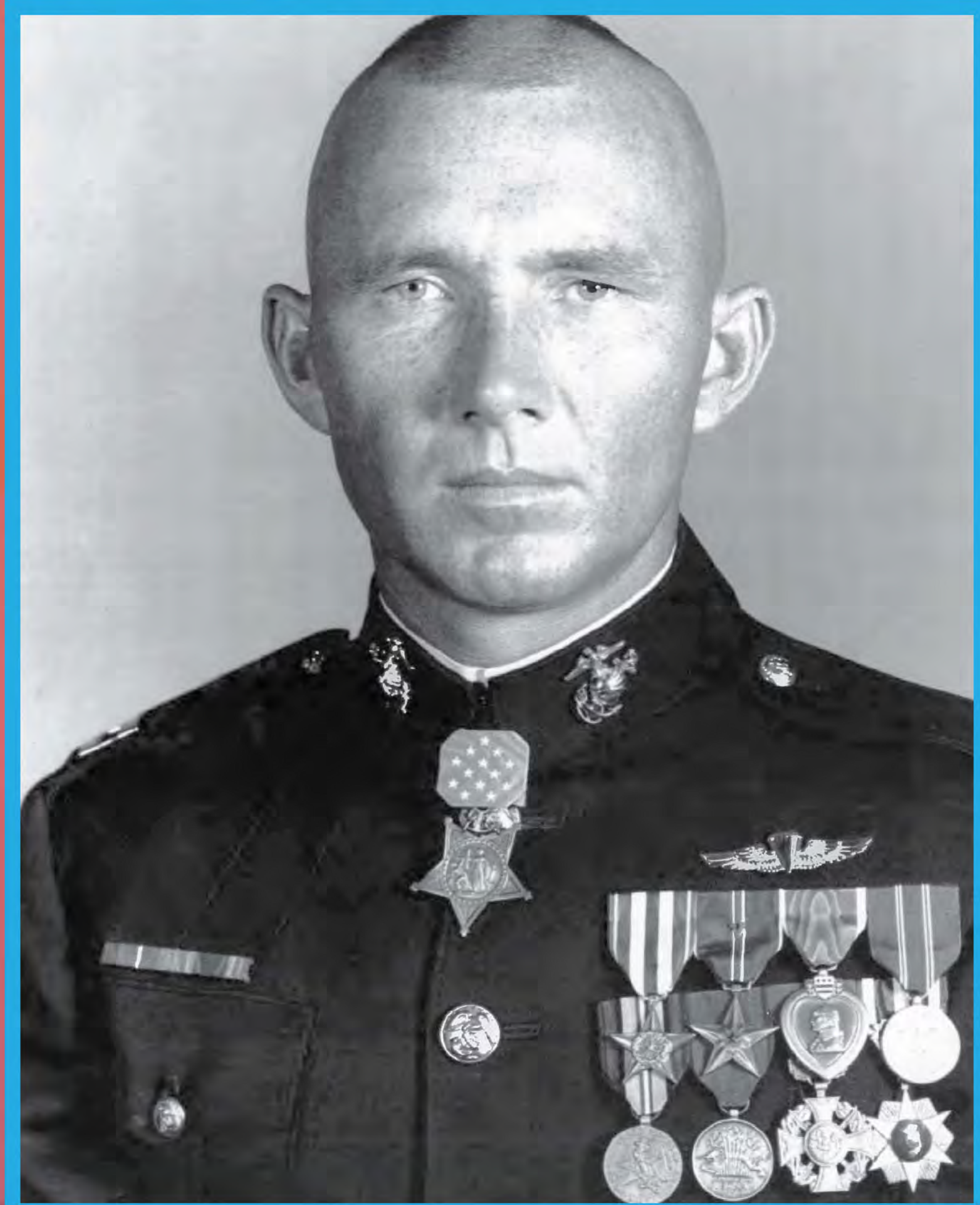


RECIPIENT, MEDAL OF HONOR



James Everett Livingston

RANK: CAPTAIN (HIGHEST RANK: MAJOR GENERAL)

CONFLICT/ERA: VIETNAM WAR

UNIT/COMMAND: COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES,
9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. MARINE CORPS

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: MAY 2, 1968

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: DAI DO, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Commanding Officer, Company E, in action against enemy forces. Company E launched a determined assault on the heavily fortified village of Dai Do, which had been seized by the enemy on the preceding evening isolating a marine company from the remainder of the battalion. Skillfully employing screening agents, Capt. Livingston maneuvered his men to assault positions across 500 meters of dangerous open rice paddy while under intense enemy fire. Ignoring hostile rounds impacting near him, he fearlessly led his men in a savage assault against enemy emplacements within the village. While adjusting supporting arms fire, Capt. Livingston moved to the points of heaviest resistance, shouting words of encouragement to his marines, directing their fire, and spurring the dwindling momentum of the attack on repeated occasions. Although twice painfully wounded by grenade fragments, he refused medical treatment and courageously led his men in the destruction of over 100 mutually supporting bunkers, driving the remaining enemy from their positions and relieving the pressure on the stranded marine company. As the two companies consolidated positions and evacuated casualties, a third company passed through the friendly lines launching an assault on the adjacent village of Dinh To, only to be halted by a furious counterattack of an enemy battalion. Swiftly assessing the situation and disregarding the heavy volume of enemy fire, Capt. Livingston boldly maneuvered the remaining effective men of his company forward, joined forces with the heavily engaged marines, and halted the enemy's counterattack. Wounded a third time and unable to walk, he steadfastly remained in the dangerously exposed area, deploying his men to more tenable positions and supervising the evacuation of casualties. Only when assured of the safety of his men did he allow himself to be evacuated. Capt. Livingston's gallant actions uphold the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service.

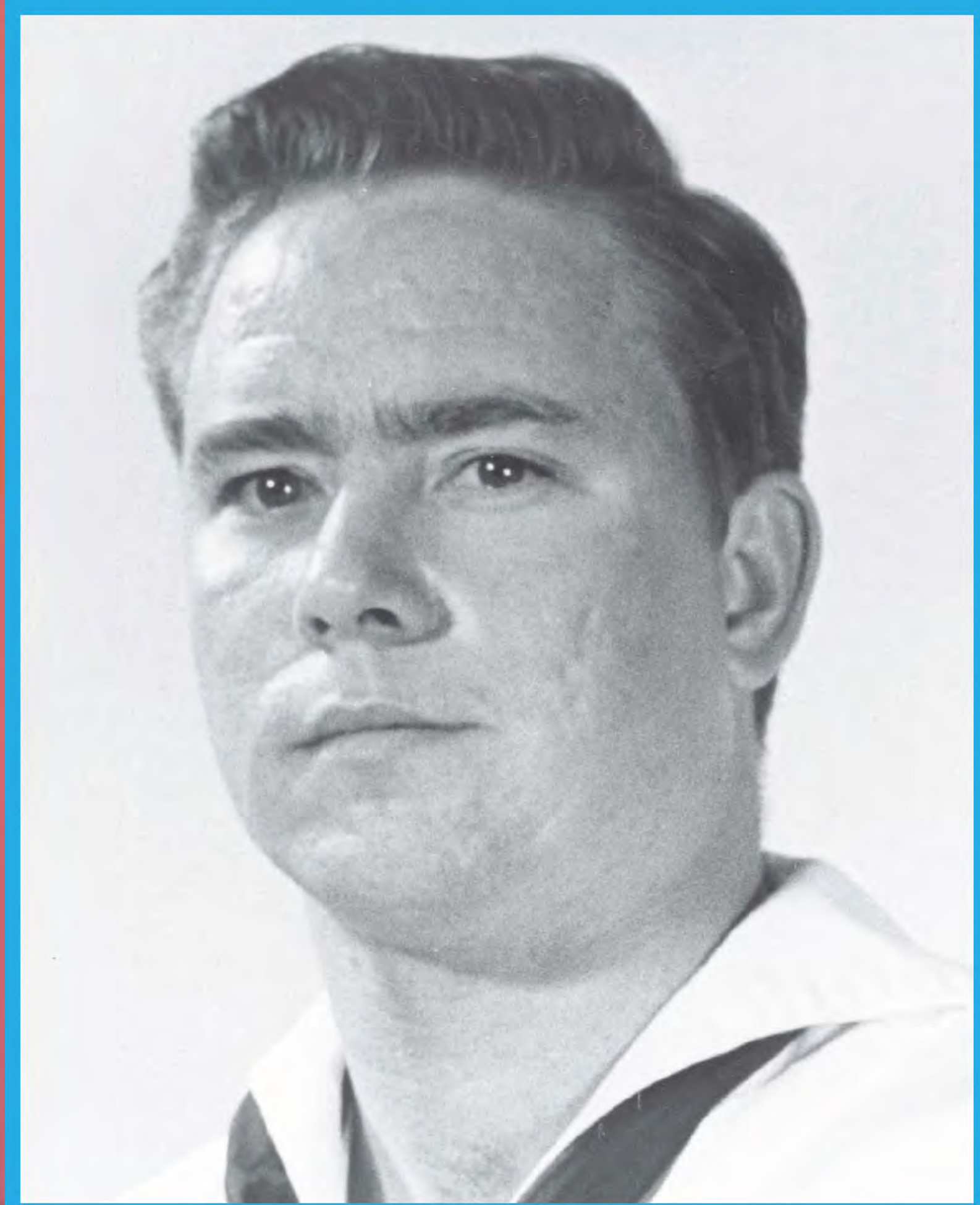
ACCREDITED TO: MCRAE, TELFAIR COUNTY, GEORGIA

AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO

PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: MAY 14, 1970 THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESENTED BY PRES. RICHARD M. NIXON

BORN: JANUARY 12, 1940, TOWNS, TELFAIR COUNTY, GA, UNITED STATES

RECIPIENT, MEDAL OF HONOR



Donald Everett "Doc" Ballard

RANK: HOSPITAL CORPSMAN SECOND CLASS (HIGHEST RANK: COLONEL (ARNG))

CONFLICT/ERA: VIETNAM WAR

UNIT/COMMAND: COMPANY M, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES, 3D MARINE DIVISION

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. NAVY

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: MAY 16, 1968

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: QUANG TRI PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a HC2c. with Company M, in connection with operations against enemy aggressor forces. During the afternoon hours, Company M was moving to join the remainder of the 3d Battalion in Quang Tri province. After treating and evacuating two heat casualties, HC2c. Ballard was returning to his platoon from the evacuation landing zone when the company was ambushed by a North Vietnamese Army unit employing automatic weapons and mortars, and sustained numerous casualties. Observing a wounded marine, HC2c. Ballard unhesitatingly moved across the fire-swept terrain to the injured man and swiftly rendered medical assistance to his comrade. HC2c. Ballard then directed four marines to carry the casualty to a position of relative safety. As the four men prepared to move the wounded marine, an enemy soldier suddenly left his concealed position and, after hurling a hand grenade which landed near the casualty, commenced firing upon the small group of men. Instantly shouting a warning to the marines, HC2c. Ballard fearlessly threw himself upon the lethal explosive device to protect his comrades from the deadly blast. When the grenade failed to detonate, he calmly arose from his dangerous position and resolutely continued his determined efforts in treating other marine casualties. HC2c. Ballard's heroic actions and selfless concern for the welfare of his companions served to inspire all who observed him and prevented possible injury or death to his fellow marines. His courage, daring initiative, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of extreme personal danger, sustain and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

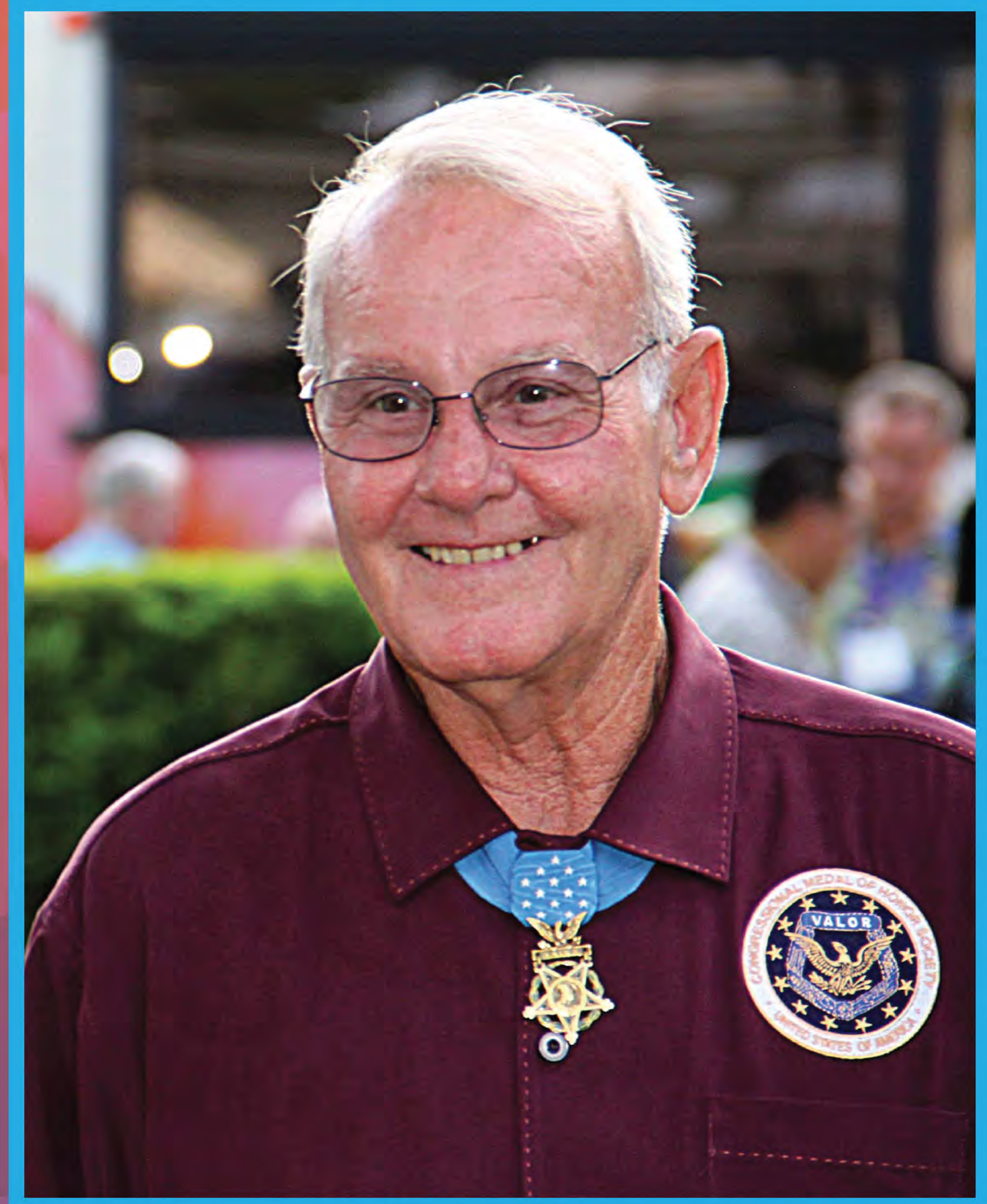
ACCREDITED TO: KANSAS CITY, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI

AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO

PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: MAY 14, 1970 THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESENTED BY PRES. RICHARD M. NIXON

BORN: DECEMBER 5, 1945, KANSAS CITY, CLAY COUNTY, MO, UNITED STATES

RECIPIENT, MEDAL OF HONOR



Robert Martin Patterson

RANK: SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS (RANK AT TIME OF PRESENTATION: SERGEANT;
HIGHEST RANK: COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR)

CONFLICT/ERA: VIETNAM WAR

UNIT/COMMAND: 3D PLATOON, TROOP B, 2D SQUADRON, 17TH CAVALRY,
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: MAY 6, 1968

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: NEAR LA CHU, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sgt. Patterson (then Sp4c.) distinguished himself while serving as a fire team leader of the 3d Platoon, Troop B, during an assault against a North Vietnamese Army battalion which was entrenched in a heavily fortified position. When the leading squad of the 3d Platoon was pinned down by heavy interlocking automatic-weapons and rocket-propelled-grenade fire from two enemy bunkers, Sgt. Patterson and the two other members of his assault team moved forward under a hail of enemy fire to destroy the bunkers with grenade and machine-gun fire. Observing that his comrades were being fired on from a third enemy bunker covered by enemy gunners in one-man spider holes, Sgt. Patterson, with complete disregard for his safety and ignoring the warnings of his comrades that he was moving into a bunker complex, assaulted and destroyed the position. Although exposed to intensive small-arms and grenade fire from the bunkers and their mutually supporting emplacements, Sgt. Patterson continued his assault upon the bunkers which were impeding the advance of his unit. Sgt. Patterson singlehandedly destroyed by rifle and grenade fire five enemy bunkers, killed eight enemy soldiers, and captured seven weapons. His dauntless courage and heroism inspired his platoon to resume the attack and to penetrate the enemy defensive position. Sgt. Patterson's action at the risk of his life has reflected great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

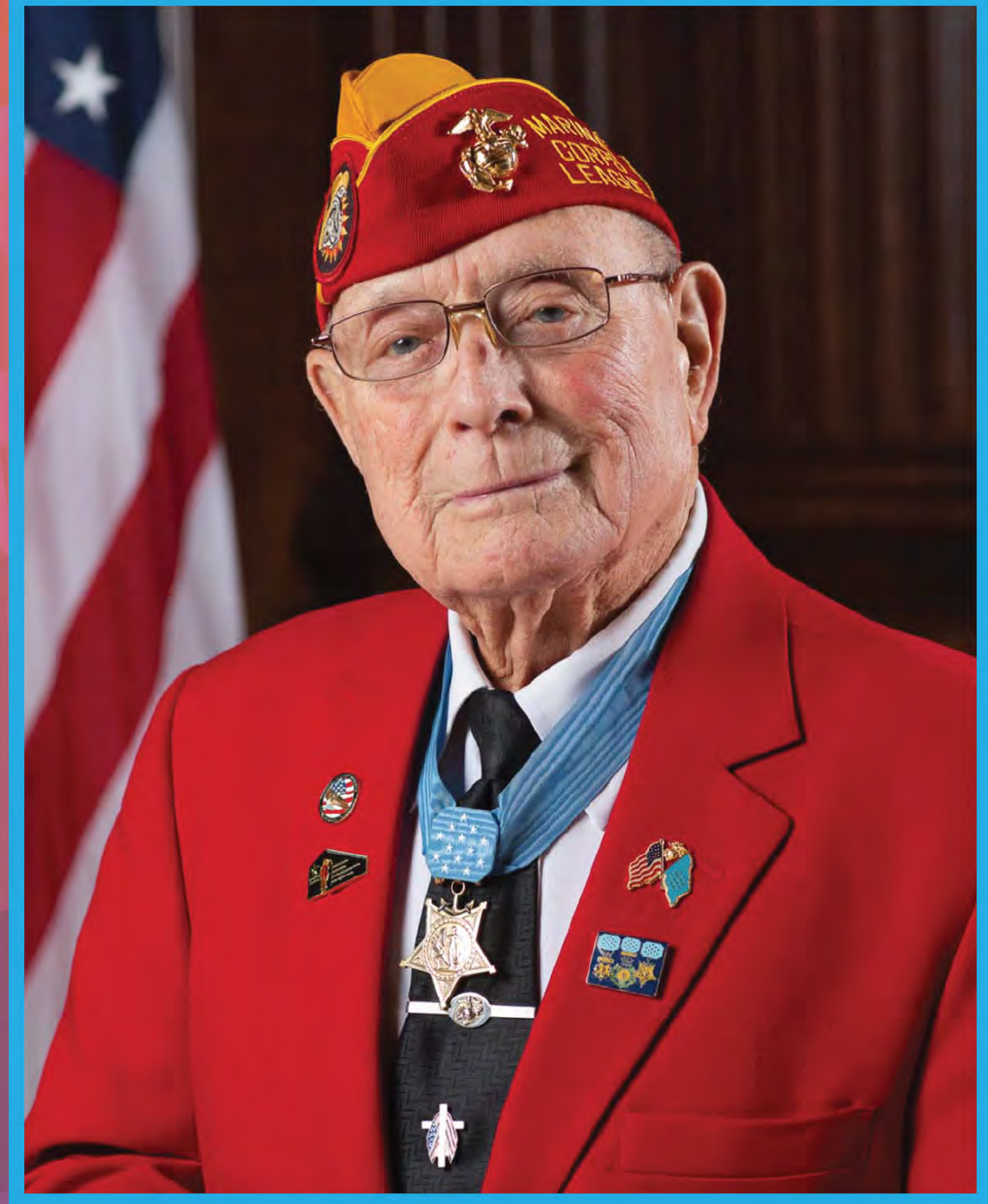
ACCREDITED TO: RALEIGH, WAKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO

PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: OCTOBER 9, 1969 THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESENTED BY PRES. RICHARD M. NIXON

BORN: APRIL 16, 1948, DURHAM, DURHAM COUNTY, NC, UNITED STATES

AT 99, OLDEST LIVING RECIPIENT, MEDAL OF HONOR



Hershel Woodrow “Woody” Williams

RANK: CORPORAL (HIGHEST RANK: CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOUR)

CONFLICT/ERA: WORLD WAR II

UNIT/COMMAND: HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 21ST MARINES,
3D MARINE DIVISION

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 1945

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: IWO JIMA, VOLCANO ISLANDS

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as demolition sergeant serving with the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. Quick to volunteer his services when our tanks were maneuvering vainly to open a lane for the infantry through the network of reinforced concrete pillboxes, buried mines, and black volcanic sands, Cpl. Williams daringly went forward alone to attempt the reduction of devastating machine-gun fire from the unyielding positions. Covered only by four riflemen, he fought desperately for four hours under terrific enemy small-arms fire and repeatedly returned to his own lines to prepare demolition charges and obtain serviced flamethrowers, struggling back, frequently to the rear of hostile emplacements, to wipe out one position after another. On one occasion, he daringly mounted a pillbox to insert the nozzle of his flamethrower through the air vent, killing the occupants, and silencing the gun; on another he grimly charged enemy riflemen who attempted to stop him with bayonets and destroyed them with a burst of flame from his weapon. His unyielding determination and extraordinary heroism in the face of ruthless enemy resistance were directly instrumental in neutralizing one of the most fanatically defended Japanese strongpoints encountered by his regiment and aided vitally in enabling his company to reach its objective. Cpl. Williams' aggressive fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty throughout this fiercely contested action sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

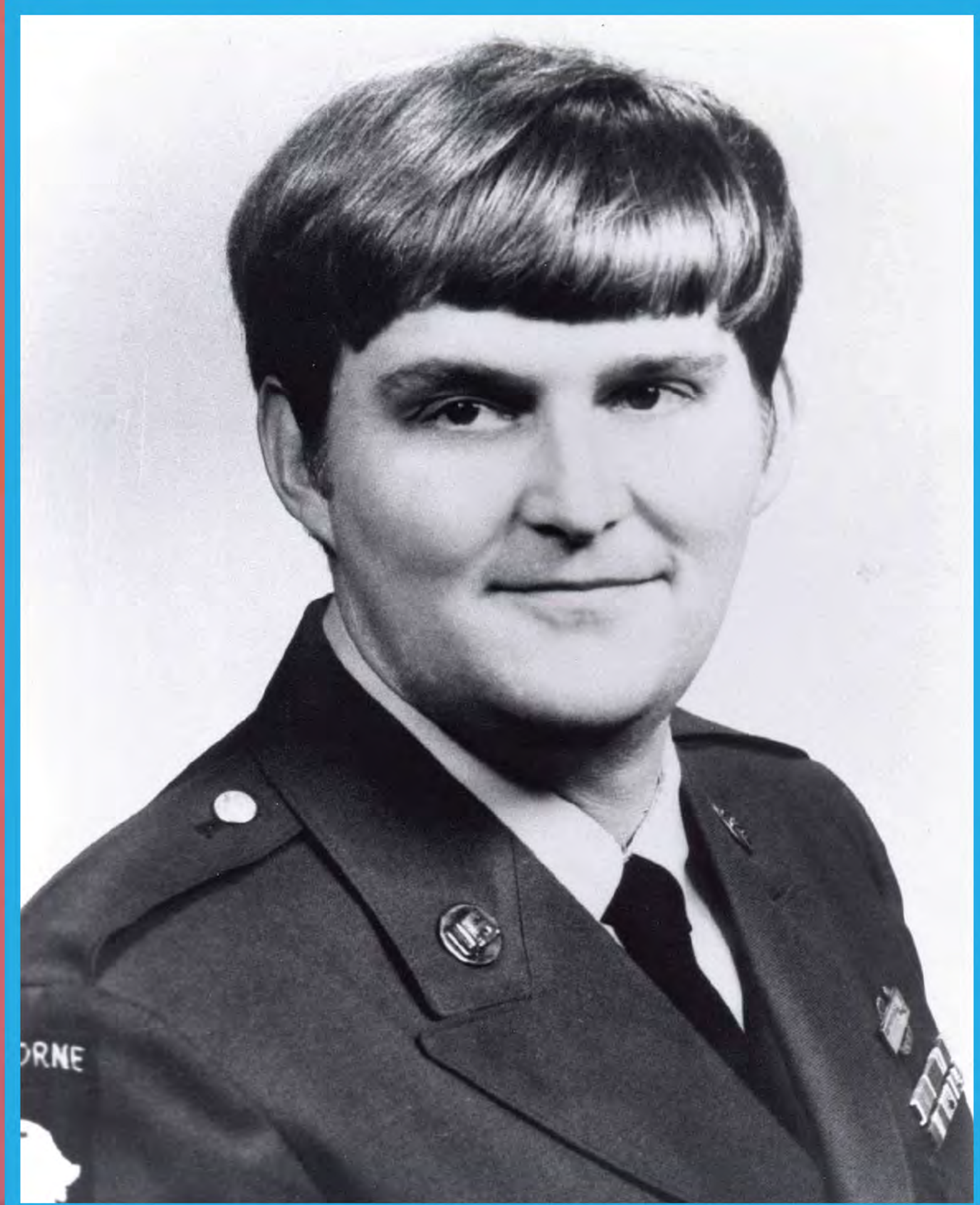
ACCREDITED TO: FAIRMONT, MARION COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO

PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: OCTOBER 5, 1945 THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESENTED BY PRES. HARRY S. TRUMAN

BORN: OCTOBER 2, 1923, QUIET DELL, MARION COUNTY, WV, UNITED STATES

RECIPIENT, MEDAL OF HONOR



Michael John Fitzmaurice

RANK: SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS (HIGHEST RANK: TECHNICAL SERGEANT (AIR NATL GUARD))

CONFLICT/ERA: VIETNAM WAR

UNIT/COMMAND: 3D SQUAD, TROOP D, 2D SQUADRON, 17TH CAVALRY, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: MARCH 23, 1971

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: KHESANH, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sp4c. Fitzmaurice, 3d Platoon, Troop D, distinguished himself at Khesanh. Sp4c. Fitzmaurice and three fellow soldiers were occupying a bunker when a company of North Vietnamese sappers infiltrated the area. At the onset of the attack Sp4c. Fitzmaurice observed three explosive charges which had been thrown into the bunker by the enemy. Realizing the imminent danger to his comrades, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, he hurled two of the charges out of the bunker. He then threw his flak vest and himself over the remaining charge. By this courageous act he absorbed the blast and shielded his fellow soldiers. Although suffering from serious multiple wounds and partial loss of sight, he charged out of the bunker and engaged the enemy until his rifle was damaged by the blast of an enemy hand grenade. While in search of another weapon, Sp4c. Fitzmaurice encountered and overcame an enemy sapper in hand-to-hand combat. Having obtained another weapon, he returned to his original fighting position and inflicted additional casualties on the attacking enemy. Although seriously wounded, Sp4c. Fitzmaurice refused to be medically evacuated, preferring to remain at his post. Sp4c. Fitzmaurice's extraordinary heroism in action at the risk of his life contributed significantly to the successful defense of the position and resulted in saving the lives of a number of his fellow soldiers. These acts of heroism go above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit on Sp4c. Fitzmaurice and the U.S. Army.

ACCREDITED TO: SIOUX FALLS, MINNEHAHA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO

PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: OCTOBER 15, 1973 THE WHITE HOUSE
PRESENTED BY PRES. RICHARD M. NIXON

BORN: MARCH 9, 1950, JAMESTOWN, STUTSMAN COUNTY, ND, UNITED STATES

RECIPIENT, MEDAL OF HONOR



Melvin Morris

RANK: STAFF SERGEANT (HIGHEST RANK: SERGEANT FIRST CLASS)

CONFLICT/ERA: VIETNAM WAR

UNIT/COMMAND: COMPANY D, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE)
1ST SPECIAL FORCES

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 1969

MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: CHI LANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

CITATION

Staff Sergeant Melvin Morris distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Commander of a Strike Force drawn from Company D, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, during combat operations against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Chi Lang, Republic of Vietnam on September 17, 1969. On that afternoon, Staff Sergeant Morris' affiliated companies encountered an extensive enemy mine field and were subsequently engaged by a hostile force. Staff Sergeant Morris learned by radio that a fellow team commander had been killed near an enemy bunker and he immediately reorganized his men into an effective assault posture before advancing forward and splitting off with two men to recover the team commander's body. Observing the maneuver, the hostile force concentrated its fire on Staff Sergeant Morris' three-man element and successfully wounded both men accompanying him. After assisting the two wounded men back to his forces' lines, Staff Sergeant Morris charged forward into withering enemy fire with only his men's suppressive fire as cover. While enemy machine gun emplacements continuously directed strafing fusillades against him, Staff Sergeant Morris destroyed the positions with hand grenades and continued his assault, ultimately eliminating four bunkers. Upon reaching the bunker nearest the fallen team commander, Staff Sergeant Morris repulsed the enemy, retrieved his comrade and began the arduous trek back to friendly lines. He was wounded three times as he struggled forward, but ultimately succeeded in returning his fallen comrade to a friendly position. Staff Sergeant Morris' extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

ACCREDITED TO: FORT BRAGG, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO

PRESENTATION DATE & DETAILS: MARCH 18, 2014 THE WHITE HOUSE
BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

BORN: JANUARY 7, 1942, OKMULGEE, OKMULGEE COUNTY, OK, UNITED STATES