



COMMANDER  
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES  
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Navy  
Commendation Medal to

CURTIS JAMES WILLIAMS  
QUARTERMASTER THIRD CLASS  
UNITED STATES NAVY

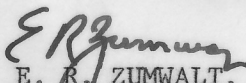
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For meritorious service while serving with United States Forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from 5 June 1968 to 20 August 1968. As squad radioman of Juliett Platoon of SEAL Team Detachment GOLF, Petty Officer WILLIAMS was responsible for maintaining continuous and reliable communications with those elements supporting the missions. Petty Officer WILLIAMS' performance was instrumental in his squad killing several Viet Cong aggressors, capturing numerous enemy weapons and documents and destroying large quantities of enemy supplies. He consistently exhibited a high degree of professionalism, and initiative in the execution of his duties. On one operation, Petty Officer WILLIAMS saved his squad from heavy casualties, then led a blinded member of the squad through the jungle to safety. Petty Officer WILLIAMS' outstanding devotion to duty, exemplary professionalism, and courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Petty Officer WILLIAMS is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

  
E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam