

United States Marine Corps



Certificate of Commendation

The Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center
Twentynine Palms, California

takes pleasure in commending

Chief Petty Officer R. F. Van Cleve

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for

superior performance of duty from 9 through 20 August 1993 while participating in the annual clearance of Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center's Sensitive Fuzed Munitions Impact Area, Range 601. Despite knowing of the extreme danger associated with this operation and fact that no one had ever attempted to clear the Remote Antiarmor Mines Systems (RAAMS) or Area Denial Artillery Munitions (ADAM) before, Chief Petty Officer Van Cleve never hesitated to become involved in any aspect of the operation. His efforts were directly responsible for the safe location, recovery, and disposal of 5,166 items of unexploded ordnance, including some of the most sensitive and hazardous munitions in the United States arsenal. The professional attitude, cooperative spirit, and technical expertise he displayed, as a member of the first Navy EOD Team to participate in this operation, further serves to demonstrate the strength of our Navy-Marine Corps Team. Chief Petty Officer Van Cleve's devotion, loyalty, and dedication to duty during this operation were outstanding and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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