



Richard W. Walton
Lieutenant Junior Grade
Class of 1965

**The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat Distinguishing Device “V”) to
Lieutenant Junior Grade Richard W. Walton
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For meritorious service while serving with U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam, as Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT GREY. Lieutenant Junior Grade Walton engaged in the interdiction of a Communist insurgent resupply ship on 1 March 1968. He contributed very significantly to driving the enemy vessel ashore resulting in its subsequent self-destruction. His magnificent use of his vessel's weaponry resulted in numerous hits on the armed enemy ship, the suppression of return fire and interdiction of enemy attempts to off load the cargo which consisted of at least 650 small arms and large quantities of heavy caliber, automatic weapon and small arms ammunition. The subsequent capture of this cargo deprived the Communist insurgents of sorely needed arms and ammunition. Lieutenant Junior Grade Walton's courage under fire, superb ship handling, and outstanding leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Walton retired at the rank of Commander.

