



James B. Ellis, II

Lieutenant
Class of 1966

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star Medal to
Lieutenant James Bowman Ellis
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For meritorious service while service with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1968 to June 1970. While serving as Commanding Officer of the United States Coast Guard Cutter POINT ORIENT, Lieutenant ELLIS performed MARKET TIME patrols in the South China Sea. His aggressive leadership, initiative and sound judgment made his vessel a highly effective combat unit. During those patrols, he boarded and searched numerous sampans and apprehended over three hundred Viet Cong suspects. He aggressively pursued and inflicted the enemy with heavy losses during eighty naval gunfire support missions which resulted in seven bunkers, eighty-six structure and one hundred fifty-nine sampans destroyed. After being transferred to the staff of Coast Guard Division Twelve he was instrumental in planning and scheduling for Vietnamization of the division's assets. On 16 March 1970 when the division was decommissioned, he became an advisor to the Vietnamese Navy. Lieutenant ELLIS' exemplary professionalism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

