



Ernst M. Cummings
Lieutenant Junior Grade
Class of 1963



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

For service as set forth in the following Citation:

For meritorious service from January to October 1966 while serving as Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT GRACE, a unit attached to Division Thirteen, Coast Guard Squadron One in Southeast Asia. On 9 May 1966, upon detecting a sampan attempting to cross the Soi Rap River, POINT GRACE succeeded in capturing the sampan and three Viet Cong. The sampan contained rifles, ammunition, personal effects, and various other materials. Lieutenant Junior Grade Cummings personally interrogated the prisoners, utilizing a Vietnamese liaison officer as interpreter. As a result, valuable intelligence information was gained. In addition, POINT GRACE, during April and May 1966 under Lieutenant Junior Grade Cummings' leadership, was engaged in MARKET TIME and GAME WARDER patrol duties. During this period POINT GRACE cruised a total of 6,828 miles, detected 2,483 junks, inspected or boarded 1,138 junks, and took into custody one suspect junk and three Viet Cong suspects. By his outstanding leadership qualities, intelligence and courageous response, Lieutenant Junior Grade Cummings upheld the highest traditions of the United States Armed Services.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Cummings retired at the rank of Captain. He also served as the 18th Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Barque EAGLE.
