



## Coast Guardsmen Awarded the Silver Star During the Vietnam War

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LTJG Eugene J. Hickey, Jr., March 9, 1966 (Awarded by Navy)

LTJG Charles B. Mosher, May 10, 1966 (Awarded by Navy)

LTJG Stephen T. Ulmer, June 20, 1966 (Awarded by Navy)

LTJG Barham F. Thomson, III, June 20, 1966 (Awarded by Navy)

EN1 Robert J. Yered, February 18, 1966 (Awarded by Navy)

LT Jack C. Rittichier, June 9, 1968 (Awarded by Air Force)

LT Lance A. Eagan, July 2, 1968 (Awarded by Air Force) (Deceased)

LCDR Lonnie L. Mixon, July 1, 1968 (Awarded by Air Force)

GM1 Willis J. Goff, January 22, 1969 (Awarded by Navy)

EN2 Larry D. Villarreal, January 22, 1969 (Awarded by Navy)

CDR Paul A. Yost, Jr., April 12, 1969 (Awarded by Navy)

LT Robert T. Ritchie, October 24, 1969 (Awarded by Air Force)





THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE) BARHAM F. THOMSON III  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT SLOCUM (WPB-82313), Coast Guard Squadron ONE, engaged in MARKET TIME Operations to interdict Viet Cong infiltration attempts around the mouth of the Co Chien River on 20 June 1966. POINT SLOCUM went to the assistance of Coast Guard Cutter POINT LEAGUE, which was engaged in a fierce fire fight with a vessel attempting to infiltrate 100 tons of arms and ammunition to the Viet Cong. Upon arrival on the scene, Lieutenant (jg) Thomson found that the infiltrator had been forced aground by POINT LEAGUE and that Viet Cong forces concealed on the shore were attempting to drive off the cutter so that the cargo could be retaken. When friendly air support arrived, he made passes close to the shoreline in order to draw enemy fire and force the Viet Cong to disclose their positions to the aircraft. During these valiant maneuvers, POINT SLOCUM received several hits from small arms fire and two near misses from recoilless rifles. When the grounded trawler was set afire, Lieutenant (jg) Thomson put POINT SLOCUM along side and proceeded to extinguish the fire. His bravery and skill in risking his vessel, first to draw the enemy fire, and then to save the captured ship and its cargo greatly contributed to the United States efforts against insurgent forces in the Republic of Vietnam and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96610

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In the name of the President of the United States, the Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet takes pleasure in awarding the Silver Star Medal to

Lieutenant (junior grade) Stephen T. ULMER  
United States Coast Guard

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT LEAGUE (WPB 82304), Coast Guard Squadron ONE, engaged in MARKET TIME Operations to interdict Viet Cong infiltration attempts near the mouth of the Co Chien River on 20 June 1966. While on night patrol, POINT LEAGUE engaged a 100 foot armed supply vessel attempting to deliver a large cargo of arms and ammunition to the Viet Cong. For hours, Lieutenant (junior grade) ULMER directed his command in a short-range gun battle with the infiltrator and forced her to ground on the beach. The enemy crew abandoned the vessel and made their way to the shore where they joined with Viet Cong forces. The fight then shifted to the beach where the Viet Cong forces, equipped with machine guns and heavier weapons, attempted to destroy the cutter and recoup the grounded vessel and its cargo. POINT LEAGUE, at first by itself and later joined by POINT SLOCUM and POINT HUDSON, raked the enemy forces with machine gun and mortar fire in exposing their positions to friendly aircraft support. Lieutenant (junior grade) ULMER remained calm and in control despite his exposed position in the pilot house which took several hits, all of them penetrating the aluminum bulkheads. When a fire broke out in the grounded vessel, he organized a damage control party to suppress the flames to the point where POINT LEAGUE was able to come alongside and fight the fire. Lieutenant (junior grade) ULMER's valor, determination, and leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."



ROY L. JOHNSON  
Admiral, U. S. Navy

TEMPORARY CITATION

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96610

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In the name of the Secretary of the Navy, the Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet takes pleasure in awarding the Navy Commendation Medal to

Lieutenant (junior grade) Stephen T. ULMER  
United States Coast Guard

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For meritorious service from June 1965 to October 1966 while serving with Coast Guard Squadron One. Lieutenant (junior grade) ULMER was initially attached to Division Twelve as Executive Officer, USCGC POINT GAMMON and then as Executive Officer, Spare Boat Crew. He was subsequently reassigned to duty as Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT LEAGUE. POINT LEAGUE, under Lieutenant (junior grade) ULMER's leadership, participated in MARKET TIME patrol duties from June through October 1966. On 27 June 1966, POINT LEAGUE sighted and recovered survivors from a Coastal Group 36 command junk that had sunk during heavy weather. Six Vietnamese Navy personnel and two American Navy advisors were rescued after having been in the water for a period of 13 hours. This dramatic rescue was indicative of the high state of training, alert watchstanding, and readiness instilled in POINT LEAGUE crew members by Lieutenant (junior grade) ULMER. In addition to these impressive incidents, POINT LEAGUE, during the period of Lieutenant (junior grade) ULMER's leadership, cruised a total of 20,135 miles, detected 3,574 junks, inspected or boarded 1,980 junks, took into custody two suspect junks and 52 Viet Cong suspects, and participated in three urgent gunfire support missions against enemy forces. In establishing this impressive record Lieutenant (junior grade) ULMER has shown conspicuous gallantry, outstanding leadership qualities, devotion to duty, and initiative which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

Lieutenant (junior grade) ULMER is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

  
ROY L. JOHNSON  
Admiral, U. S. Navy

TEMPORARY CITATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS PACIFIC AIR FORCES  
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96553

SPECIAL ORDER  
G-299

17 December 1968

1. By direction of the President, CAPTAIN RICHARD C. YEEND, JR., FV3119544 is awarded the Silver Star, Posthumously, for gallantry while serving with friendly foreign force engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force on 9 June 1968.
2. By direction of the President, LIEUTENANT JACK C. RITTICHER, 8148 (USCG), is awarded the Silver Star, Posthumously, for gallantry while serving with friendly foreign force engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force on 9 June 1968.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



JOHN D. MACKLIN, JR., Colonel, USAF  
Director of Administration

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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE SILVER STAR

(POSTHUMOUS)

TO

JACK C. RITTICHIER

Lieutenant Jack C. Rittichier, United States Coast Guard, distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as Rescue Crew Commander of an HH-3E helicopter in Southeast Asia on 9 June 1968. On that date, Lieutenant Rittichier attempted the rescue of a downed pilot from one of the most heavily defended areas in Southeast Asia. Despite intense accurate hostile fire which had severely damaged another helicopter, Lieutenant Rittichier, with undaunted determination, indomitable courage, and professional skill established a hover and persisted in the rescue attempt until his aircraft was downed by the hostile fire. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Lieutenant Rittichier reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.