



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
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In the name of the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in presenting the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK C. STOLZ JR.

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For service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For heroic achievement in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam while serving with Company A, First Battalion, First Marines. During the early morning hours of 30 October 1965, Company A’s position was fiercely attacked by mass waves of 300 to 400 Viet Cong, Supported by mortars and recoilless rifles, with the main assault directed against the Third Platoon sector, commanded by Lieutenant STOLZ. Even though painfully wounded by shrapnel at the outset of the attack, Lieutenant STOLZ fearlessly moved through the exposed area to a position where he could best control the embattled platoon. Keenly aware of his men’s serious need for ammunition, he disregarded the intensified hostile fire to organize and supervise resupply parties. At the height-of-the battle, the Viet Cong assault penetrated the platoon’s position, momentarily isolating Lieutenant STOLZ. Exhibiting exceptional presence of mind, he calmly reorganized the Marines around him, and, with Skillful direction of defensive fire and timely arrival of vital ammunition, caused the enemy to withdraw. His superior tactical skill and composure under fire eliminated a serious threat to the Company’s position and contributed immeasurably to the overall success of the mission. Lieutenant STOLZ’s indomitable fighting spirit, superior leadership and unswerving devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

First Lieutenant STOLZ is authorized to wear the Combat “V”. FOR THE PRESIDENT,

V. H. KRULAK
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING