

July 8, 1997

Dear Charles,

I'm mailing you a copy of my
awards letter from Marine Corps Headquarters,
Washington, D.C.

I'm getting the Bronze Star with Combat V
"Valor" plus a second purple heart.
I'm real excited about it all.

Call me or write sometime.

New Address:

CHATTANOOGA, TN.

God Bless "Serpis Fi"

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WASHINGTON, DC 20380-1775

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Mr. Gregory A. Vandergriff

Chattanooga, TN

Dear Mr. Vandergriff:

This is in further reply to your recent letters regarding an award for your service while a member of the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam Conflict.

Subtitle C, Section 526 to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, which was enacted in law on February 10, 1996, provides for the consideration of recommendations for personal decorations which were not submitted in a timely fashion.

Accordingly, the award recommendation which was submitted by Lieutenant Colonel George W. Solhan, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, was forwarded to the Headquarters Marine Corps Awards Board for consideration. After that Board considered the recommendation, it was referred to the Commandant of the Marine Corps for final decision. I am pleased to inform you that the Commandant approved the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V". Additionally, based on eyewitness statements, the Commandant also approved the awarding of the Purple Heart (Gold Star in lieu of the Second Award) to you.

The medal, gold star, citation, and certificates are being forwarded to the Inspector-Instructor, Battery M, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, 12 Meadow Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee for presentation. You will be contacted in the near future concerning the ceremony.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

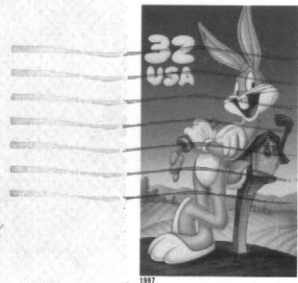
Sincerely,

H. R. SMITH
Asst. Head, Military Awards Branch
Personnel Management Division
By direction of
the Commandant of the Marine Corps

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