



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO 96601

In the name of the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in awarding the Gold Star in lieu of a fifth AIR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALLEN EDWARD CATES

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a designated Helicopter Pilot in Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE during combat support missions in support of the Republic of Vietnam against the insurgent communist guerrilla forces (Viet Cong) from 22 December 1964 to 11 January 1965. Often exposed to hostile fire at close range, he contributed materially to the success of his squadron. His courage and devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

FOR THE PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "V. H. Krulak", is positioned above the typed name.

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

TEMPORARY CITATION