

JIM WHITE

USCGC POINT BANKS (WPB-82327) – Mar68 to Feb69

Navy Unit Commendation – 1 Apr 68 to 31 Oct 68

Navy Unit Commendation – 1 Nov 68 to 31 Dec 68

April 24, 2019 – Bill Carr E-mail to Walt Viglienze

Walter – I've talked to Donna several times about any information she might have on Jim's incident and she just does not have anything and Jim never talked to her about it. I've also worked with the Academy to see if I could get Jim's application for the HoH and they have not been able to find anything more than the citation so far.

Golden Journeys Booklet – 2015

In March 1968, Jim was assigned as CO, USCGC POINT BANKS (WPB-82327) Division Eleven, Vietnam, with a short time on staff. The children and I spent the time in Waterford, CT. Returning from Vietnam, Jim appreciated the privilege of joining the Academy Professional Studies Department.

February – March – 2013 - Roger Rufe Vietnam Related Comments – Excerpts

Jim white was a prince of a guy; always putting others ahead of himself. During his many years struggling with pain and physical limitations, it would have been understandable for him to focus inward. But that wasn't Jim White.

He asked me several times if he could submit my name for the Wall of Gallantry. I told him that I thought my routine tour in Vietnam didn't rise to the level of what he, Gerry and some others had achieved. (I believe Jim was the only member of our class to receive the Purple Heart for wounds in combat.)

I felt that putting us guys, who had relatively benign tours, alongside those who demonstrated courage under fire, would diminish the honor of being recognized on the Wall. Jim strongly disagreed...he felt that every member of the class who served in Vietnam should be recognized.

That is the Jim White I will always remember.

February – March – 2013 - Doug Teeson Vietnam Related Comments - Excerpts

Jim was determined and persistent. As we all know, to date he has single-handedly and successfully nominated several '65-ers for Wall of Gallantry recognition by the Alumni Association. When I visited Jim during one of his recent hospitalizations, he told me the doctors had basically told him what to expect.

So, I asked him if there was anything he wanted me to see to. Without hesitating for a moment, he reeled off a list of further nominations he was planning, stretching our several years ahead. So, Jim; I have the watch on that!

February - March – 2013 - Les High Vietnam Related Comments - Excerpts

Jim has been a strong proponent for recognition of Class of 65er members on the Wall of Gallantry/Hall of Heroes. Last year, Gerry McGill and Tom Pennington were so honored and in April, Dick Walton will be a member of that elite group. The first 65er selected, as I recall, was Jim White.

March – April, 2013 – Alumni Bulletin

Jim went on to serve in Vietnam during which he was awarded the Bronze Star with combat "V" and the purple Hear for service as described in his induction into the Hall of Heroes, the first from the Class of 1965:

"For courageous actions while leading a small boat operation off the coast of Vietnam during November 1968. This small boat operation was a PSYOPS, up a canal to visit areas of questionable Viet Cong activity. LTJG White was serving as patrol commander in the lead boat, a 14-foot Boston Whaler, when it came under heavy enemy fire from six different concealed locations.

The initial volley of fire hit LTJG White's boat and severely wounded the machine gun operator who was located just to LTJG's White's right and damaged his M-60 machine gun. Initially, LTJG White began firing his M-79 grenade launcher in order to suppress the enemy's fire.

He then took the machine gun, cleared the weapon, restored it to operation and continued firing at a variety of enemy positions. LTJG While also called the PT WHITE and asked they put 81mm mortar rounds along the canal banks as both small boats left the area. Once clear of the area, LTJG White and another of his boat crew received minor wounds although his machine gun operator was severely wounded

LTJG White's actions were credited with saving the lives of six others in both small boats."

January 25, 2011 – Jim White E-mail to Bill Carr

Bill. Thanks for sending everything to me. I have started the procedure to get your name on the Wall of Gallantry. It will take a couple of years.

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January 18, 2011 – Lloud George E-mail to Class E-mail List

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Coast Guard Awards and Medals Board – List of CG Units Coming Under Hostile Fire

August 30, 2004

Encl. (16) to COMDTINST 650.25b MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL

POINT BANKS – 18 Jul 68

Bill Carr

From: Bill Carr [bill@getrain.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2011 12:01 PM
To: 'Jim White'
Subject: RE: The Citation(s)

Thanks Jim for your work here.....I don't know about the "ideal" part...that was so long ago.....

But I do remember it as if it were yesterday.....Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim White [mailto:uspropjaw@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2011 11:45 AM
To: Bill Carr
Subject: Re: The Citation(s)

Bill,

Thank you so much. I now have everything I need. Sometime after the 15th of the month of April you should be hearing from LT Jonathan Harris about your being accepted as a ideal candidate for the Wall of Gallantry for the year 2012. Jim White

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim White [mailto:uspropjaw@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2011 11:17 AM
To: Bill Carr
Subject: Re: The Citation(s)

Bill,

It is the second attachment that I need. The program from the Second New York Award's dinner. Jim White

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 16, 2011, at 11:45 AM, "Bill Carr" <bill@getrain.com> wrote:

JIM - Is the third attachment what you are needing?

Bill Carr

From: Jim White [uspropjaw@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2011 6:01 PM
To: Bill Carr
Subject: Re: The Citation(s)

Bill,

Thank you very much for sending the email. I now have all that I need to start the process to start the nomination process for an entry in the Wall of Gallantry. Jim White

Sent from my iPad

Bill Carr

From: Lauren Larsen [llarsen@shaw.ca]
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2011 2:29 PM
To: Bill Carr
Subject: Re: Another peek

very neat! Thanks for sharing. love you too. xoxox lcl

----- Original Message -----

From: Bill Carr
To: llarsen@shaw.ca
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2011 12:53 PM
Subject: Another peek

For now, at least, I'd still like to keep this quiet.....it's very uncomfortable.....your Dad

Love you Lauren....

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Carr [mailto:bill@getrain.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2011 1:44 PM
To: 'Jim White'
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> Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 5:23 PM
> To: bill@getrain.com
> ; Richard Walton ; Gerald McGill ; Thomas Pennington ; J.
> Rod Wilburn ; Kent Williams ; Howard Newhoff ; Andrew Horsey
> ; Carl Helman ; J. Rod Wilburn
> Subject: 2012 Wall of Gallantry Nominations
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> To everyone on the Wall of Gallantry list
> I have received the list of candidates who have received
> the Wall of Gallantry nomination for the spring of
> 2012. They have nominated McGill and Pennington.
> So they have missed Carr, Walton, Williams, Blayney, Horsey,
> Helman, Wilburn, and Newhoff. I will resubmit the
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From: Jim White [mailto:uspropjaw@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2011 10:15 AM
To: Bill Carr
Subject: Re: My call last night

Bill,
All I need to start the procedure for the recognition is a copy of your Bronze Star Medal citation. Once I get that I can get started on getting the recognition started. Jim White

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 22, 2011, at 9:53 AM, "Bill Carr" <bill@getrain.com> wrote:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Viglie@aol.com [mailto:Viglie@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2011 5:49 PM
To: bblendu@aol.com; horseyandrew@yahoo.com; bullwinkle65@bellsouth.net; gerry@mcgilllawfirm.com; robertchristiansen41@hotmail.com; bblanchard@mickey.aum.edu; viglie@aol.com; R.B.Chapman@worldnet.att.net; helman@msn.com; tompenn@visi.net; PaulBlayney@aol.com; dscobie@cfl.rr.com; JOHNSCHW@aol.com; rogrufe@gmail.com; JohnESchwa@aol.com; hnewhoff@rccl.com; Bill Carr; morganjlex@aol.com
Cc: np17.67@verizon.net; Gmcgill@bellsouth.net; rbchapman1@cox.net; jrwilburn4593@bellsouth.net
Subject: cga 65 vietnam vets

did you see Jim white is coordinating getting any of us who received a Bronze Star on the CGA Honor wall as he is...

details in the latest Loyd george class notes - need copy of citation...

if i missed any email or put in an old one please help get word out -

e.g. kurtz, norris, bart Hennessee?, ron fritz

reportedly there is a short deadline... it's only been 40 + years ?

thanks for your service ole warriors

viggy

-----Original Message-----

From: lgeorge00@gmail.com
[mailto:lgeorge00@gmail.com]On Behalf Of Loyd George
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 10:27 PM
Subject: Jan/Feb. 2011 Class Newsletter

Jim White is coordinating entries from our class for the Alumni Association's "Wall of Heroes". If any classmate was awarded the Bronze Star, whose name has not yet been entered to the "Wall", please notify Jim, and provide him with a copy of your citation. There is some time sensitivity to this effort, so please respond as soon as possible. His e-mail address is uspropjaw@aol.com.

This year has been a busy and happy one for us.

I returned from Vietnam in early March with orders to the Academy which is exactly what I had wanted. I felt that a tour at the Academy would be excellent for us since both of our families are in the area. Shortly after arriving at the Academy I found out that one of the principal appointments to postgraduate school in mathematics has been given a medical discharge from the service and that I will be going to Rensselaer, and then returning to the Academy as a math instructor. Although I have enjoyed teaching in the Professional Studies

Department, I feel that at least a postgraduate education is necessary in today's Coast Guard. I have been really surprised to find how far the Academy has advanced in its educational level during the past four years. The cadet is now getting a more diversified education but with a greater emphasis on specialization.

I have been in touch with Ric Steinbaugh who was my roommate fourth and third class year before he dropped out because of academics. He asked me to say hello for him. He is now going through flight school with the marines to become a fighter pilot. He had enlisted in 1966 and after two tours in Vietnam, he went to their OCS graduateing in June. He hopes to be able to make a homecoming reunion to see everyone in the near future.

During the past year many of our classmates have into classmates who departed before graduation. As expected most of them still have close friendships that were started at the Academy.

We have started a directory of names and addresses at the Academy of both graduates and non-graduates, we will keep this so in the future it should help you at Christmas time. The idea started with the homecoming reunion and we were able to get a lot of addresses of those who have resigned and remained in the Northeast.

Dear Captain and Vxs Figh

The holiday season is always e in which we look back over the events of the past year. For u this year has been one of long separation due to ny assignrment i Vietnam. T left the CAPE HOPA^r in Woods Hole Just after last Christmas and spent the month of January on leave. In December we had bought a home in Waterford, close to both our parents, where Donna and the children would reside while I was away. T spent nost of my leave painting the house and completing the little odd jobs that need to be done when you nove into a house.

I reported into Alameda for five weeks of pre-R training in February and didn't arrive in Vietnam until mid Plarch. I was then assigned to the POINT BANKS operating out of DIVISION ELEVEN at An Thoi. Ironically the POINT BANKS was homeported in Woods Hole before being assigned to Squadron One. T cornrnanded the POINT BANKS for seven nonths and then was assigned to the staff of DIVISION ELEVEN. The job of WPB cc: was a challenging assignment. The Market Time units are now participating directly in the offensive war effort and the extent of their activity depends on the initiative and determination of the CO' s. As Chief Staff Officer I now find rwselr spending the was ority of ray time on routine paperwork and planning combatant operations. This also is a rewarding assignment. T am highly in favor of rotating the jobs over here, because not only does it nake the year go by faster when you hold two varied jobs, but you are also getting new peoEle into the various positions with new ideas.

Donna and I were very fortunate to be able to spend my together in Hawaii. Although one week can't make up for one year, it sure is a morale booster.

As both the year and this tour draw to a close, I am eagerly waiting new assignment. Although it has been a long year it has been both challenging and exciting. I an truly hoping to be assigned to the Academy but won t be greatly disappointed if T am assigned elsewhere. second choice was Group Cormander of any small group which arn sure would be an interesting and educational tour. I do hope that wherever I am assigned that I will be able to attend graduate school if I am not selected this time.

This tour has given ne a chance to see many of our classmates that I haven t seen since graduation. For awhile it was like a big class reunion, however more than half of them assigned have already gone home.

After three years of service I still find the jobs in the Coast Guard filled with responsibilities. The officer can accept these if he wishes or he can just carry out his normal work. man can go as far as his eagerness and deternination will take him. T an sure that ray future assignments will offer the same satisfaction.

On behalf of Donna and my family, I would like to wish you both a most Merry Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely

John + Donna White
White

19 December -1969

Dear Captain and Yrs High