



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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

➔ JAMES T. ELROD 695 21 20
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN THIRD CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action on 10 August 1966 while serving as a corpsman with Company B, First Battalion, Fifth Marines in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam. When his unit almost immediately sustained four casualties upon being subjected to intense machine-gun and automatic-weapons fire during operation COLORADO, Petty Officer Elrod unhesitatingly raced through the withering fire to aid the stricken men. Without regard for his own safety, he moved from man to man to administer medical care, and was largely responsible for saving the life of the squad leader who had been seriously wounded in the face and arm. Undaunted by the vicious action around him, he valiantly continued to assist his comrades until he was mortally wounded. By his daring initiative, extraordinary courage, and uncommon concern for others in the face of overwhelming odds, Petty Officer Elrod upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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For the President,

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/s/ Paul H. Nitze

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