

Jim Welch's '62 Service Record

Hi, Jerry—

Great to talk to you yesterday and catch up on what's happening in your world.

Also

Following is a history of Jim's military service—to the best of my recollection.

The more I thought about it, I realized that Jim did his basic training at Fort Lewis and his specialty training at Fort Ord. I also recalled that his Vietnam time was spent in the Mekong Delta, which is at the southern end of the country.

Let me know if you need some further help sorting out his citations.

Graduated from C.B. in 1962

Graduated from college in June 1966

Went to work as an accountant at Hurdman Cranstoun in San Francisco (CPA firm)

Was drafted and entered the Army in May 1968

Attended basic training at Fort Lewis, WA

Received advanced training at Fort Ord, CA with a specialty in mortars

Went to Vietnam in late September 1968

Was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam

Spent six months "in field" and three months "assigned to base duties"—All in the southern part of Vietnam in the Mekong Delta region

Received two _____ bronze star medal for his service in the war zone

9th Infantry Division was pulled out of Vietnam in July 1969 (the first division to

be pulled from the Vietnam war as part of the de-escalation)

Was reassigned to Scofield Barracks in Hawaii and was stationed there from July 1969 to May 1970

Honorably discharged from the service in May 1970 and returned to work at Hurdman Cranston at its Sacramento office

JAMES A WELCH
SUMMARY OF ARMY MEDALS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR

BRONZE STAR MEDALS

- 1 **Bronze Star with V Device for heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on November 24, 1968**
- 2 **Bronze Star Medal Second Oak Leaf Cluster
For meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces during the period March 11, 1969 to April 11, 1969**
- 3 **The Bronze Star Second Oak Leaf Cluster
For meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces during the period April 1969 to June 1969**

THE AIR MEDAL

- 1 **The Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period November 1, 1968 to February 7, 1969**

THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

- 1 **The Army Commendation Medal for outstanding achievement in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period December 15, 1968 to January 4, 1969.**
- 2 **The Army Commendation Medal for heroism in connection to military operations against an armed hostile force on January 30, 1969.**
- 3 **The Army Commendation Medal Second Oak Leaf Cluster
for outstanding achievement in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period March 1, 1969 to March 11, 1969.**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED
THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

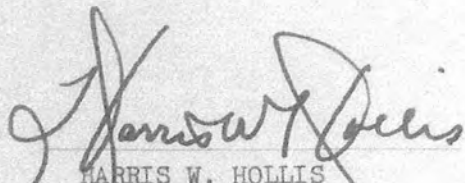
TO

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES A. WELCH US56839632 UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE
IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD 15 DECEMBER 1968 TO 17 JANUARY 1969

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS FOURTH DAY OF APRIL 19 69


HARRIS W. HOLLIS
MAJOR GENERAL, USA
COMMANDING




STANLEY R. REOR
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

C I T A T I O N

BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

IS PRESENTED TO

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES A. WELCH US56839632

UNITED STATES ARMY

who, through his unswerving effort and professional ability obtained outstanding results despite the adverse conditions incident to a combat environment, during the period

15 DECEMBER 1968 TO 17 JANUARY 1969

with a sense of urgency to complete the mission, he set an example that inspired his associates to strive for maximum performance. His outstanding actions materially contributed to the efforts of the United States in its counterinsurgency role in the Republic of Vietnam. His praiseworthy achievement and dedicated initiative are in keeping with highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 9th Infantry Division and the United States Army.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, 24 AUGUST 1962
HAS AWARDED

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER
TO

SERGEANT JAMES A. WELCH US56839632 UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
IN GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES

IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD 11 MARCH 1969 TO 11 APRIL 1969
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY 1969

Harris W. Hollis
HARRIS W. HOLLIS
MAJOR GENERAL, USA
COMMANDING



Stanley R. Row
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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