



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

CAPTAIN OSCAR DE LA GARZA, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR

MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM MARCH 1978 TO MARCH 1980

GIVEN THIS 23RD DAY OF MAY 19 80



A handwritten signature in cursive, likely of the Secretary of the Navy, written in dark ink.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY



COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL to

CAPTAIN OSCAR DE LA GARZA
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service while serving as Administrative Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Santa Ana, California, from March 1978 to March 1980. During this period, Captain De La Garza performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Possessing outstanding leadership qualities and an extensive knowledge of the administrative field, he introduced and implemented many new innovative programs which significantly decreased the error rate and number of man-hours involved. As an augmentation inspector for teams from Commandant of the Marine Corps and Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Western Area, he imparted his vast knowledge of the administrative field and inspired all who came in contact with him. Superior performance of duties as typified above was the hallmark of Captain De La Garza's career in accomplishing broad and diverse tasks in both combat and other assignments and highlighted the culmination of more than 20 years of honorable and dedicated Marine Corps service. Captain De La Garza's professional ability, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the Secretary of the Navy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert H. Banner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Commandant of the Marine Corps





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AWARDED THE

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

(WITH COMBAT "V")

TO

SERGEANT OSCAR DE LA GARZA, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT FROM DECEMBER 1966 TO DECEMBER 1967

GIVEN THIS 10TH DAY OF OCT 19 79



James W. Woodley
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
Acting



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO 96610

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting
the NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL to

SERGEANT OSCAR DE LA GARZA, JR.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for outstanding achievement in the superior performance of
his duties in the field of professional achievement as set
forth in the following

CITATION:

"While serving with the First Battalion, Third Marines, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 21 December 1966 to 11 December 1967, Sergeant DE LA GARZA performed his duties with exemplary professional skill and resourcefulness. Initially serving as Administrative Chief of Company D, he exhibited outstanding leadership and initiative in supervising the unit's administrative functions, effectively organizing procedures to achieve greater efficiency. Although working under extremely adverse conditions, he instructed inexperienced personnel in administrative procedures and molded them into an efficient unit. Reassigned as Administrative Chief of Headquarters and Service Company on 4 September 1967, Sergeant DE LA GARZA utilized his extensive knowledge of administrative matters as he competently processed the records for more than 700 personnel. In addition, he displayed meticulous attention to detail in recording and reporting casualties with expediency and accuracy during the period from 28 April to 11 December 1967 when the battalion participated in twenty-one major operations, including Granite, Kentucky, Kingfisher and Ballistic Arch. Sergeant DE LA GARZA's outstanding professional ability, tireless initiative and loyal devotion to duty throughout contributed significantly to the accomplishment of his unit's mission and reflect great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps and the Naval Service."

Sergeant DE LA GARZA is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. H. Krulak", is written over the typed name.

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