

**RONALD MILAM**

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**Subject:** Aviation Electronics Technician Third Class William J. Duggan of HC-1 Detachment 3.

Our Captain took our ship through 20/107 in the Gulf of Tonkin (Northern SAR) at Noon today almost 40 years to the week when Duggan lost his life. I threw a bouquet of flowers into the water in his memory.

"For heroism while participating in aerial flight on 6 January 1967 as second crewman of a search and rescue helicopter assigned to U.S.S. Gridley (DLG-21). Upon being given the inland position of a survivor of a naval aircraft shot down by enemy action and with only ten minutes of daylight left in which to attempt the rescue, the rescue helicopter in which Petty Officer Duggan was flying proceeded to the scene in the face of heavy continuous fire from small arms, automatic weapons and anti-aircraft batteries, along the line of flight. Petty Officer Duggan, firing his M-16 rifle, calmly exposed himself to the enemy fire until he was mortally wounded, by his courageous and loyal devotion to duty, he upheld the highest tradition of the United State Naval Service."

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