



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370

IN REPLY REFER TO

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Duggan:

As Chief of Naval Personnel I am privileged to inform you that the Secretary of the Navy has awarded posthumously to your son, Aviation Electronics Technician Third Class William Joseph Duggan, United States Naval Reserve, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. In addition, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon Bar during his naval service.

Your son has also been awarded posthumously the Military Merit Medal and the Gallantry Cross with Palm by the Vietnamese Government. These awards are evidence of the esteem which that government held for your son and the significance they placed upon his service.

These awards have been forwarded to the Commandant, ELEVENTH Naval District, San Diego, California 92130. He will communicate with you in the near future regarding your wishes for a presentation ceremony.

I realize that medals are small consolation for the loss of a loved one and that they can do little to assuage the grief which you have experienced. However, I hope that they will serve as symbols of your son's devotion to duty in the service of his country.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. J. Semmes, Jr.", written in dark ink.

B. J. SEMMES, JR.  
Vice Admiral, USN  
Chief of Naval Personnel

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