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

SERGEANT ROBERT V. UHL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Platoon Leader with an Assault Company in the Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, 26 February to 14 March 1945. Voluntarily taking command of the right platoon when his platoon leader took over the company command during a concentrated attack on strongly fortified Japanese positions, Sergeant Uhl fearlessly continued the determined assault, leading his men with furious aggressiveness against blazing machine-gun and deadly sniper fire in an effort to break through the enemy's intricate defenses and, repeatedly exposing himself to the slashing fury of exploding shrapnel and bullets, accurately pointed out strategic targets vital to the enemy's organized opposition. Undaunted by the unabating volume of devastating Japanese counterfire which exacted a heavy toll of casualties on 14 March, he relentlessly advanced his unit against stubborn and fanatic resistance until mortally wounded by a vicious burst of hostile fire. A vallant leader, Sergeant Uhl by his courageous initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and persevering tactics in the face of overwhelming odds, contributed materially to the success of his company's operations in this area and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout a period of bitter conflict upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

SS. perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres 2-2-46 by CO, MAD, USNAS, Dallas, Texas to the father of the late SGT. Uhl, Mr. Thomas J. Uhl, 4405 Lorraine St., Dallas, Texas. Formal pres. at Drill Hall of USNAS, Dallas, Texas. Due publicity given.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Dallas, Texas  
B-Dallas, Texas

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Serial 724.1843  
Signed Aug 11 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WARREN H. UMSHLER, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Fighting Squadron TWO TWENTY-FOUR during the bombardment of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese surface and air forces on the night of October 13-14, 1942. When a heavy enemy shell struck dangerously close to a bomb shelter, burying five marines under a mass of earth and debris, Private First Class Umshler, bearing cries for help, voluntarily exposed himself to the intense fire of hostile shells and bombs and, with several other men, set to work rescuing their imprisoned comrades. Due to the quick thinking and heroic efforts of Private First Class Umshler and his companions, two of the buried men were saved, and the bodies of the other three marines were recovered. His unswerving devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Osceola, Nebraska.

B - Shelby, Nebraska, 1-3-1923.

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

PRIVATE WILLIAM L. UPCHURCH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Bulldozer Operator of Company A, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 23 March 1945. Assigned the mission of constructing a road for tanks a hundred yards in front of friendly lines, Private Upchurch unhesitatingly began his hazardous task and, although constantly exposed to full observation of the enemy and in a situation where covering fire was impossible, continued in his efforts until the roadway was completed. By his bold and tireless effort he provided a means for tanks to move forward in support of the infantry's attack, thereby contributing materially to the success of our operations against the enemy in this sector. Private Upchurch's courageous determination and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R-Lake Village, Ark.  
B-Diddsville, Miss

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

**STAFF SERGEANT JOHN T. UTLEY, JR., USMC.,**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. Courageous and determined in carrying out his hazardous patrol duties, Staff Sergeant Utley repeatedly exposed himself to enemy sniper fire in a vallant attempt to cover the movements of two Marines who were endeavoring to evacuate a wounded companion from the danger area. Mortally wounded in his heroic effort, Staff Sergeant Utley, by his daring initiative and selfless conduct in the face of extreme peril, was an inspiration to his comrades, and his indomitable fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty throughout a period of fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

**JAMES FORRESTAL**

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Gruver, Texas  
B--Monroe, La.