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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD J. YAHARA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guan, Marianas Islands, 25 July 1944. When the advance of his company was held up by rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Yahara helped guide supporting tanks forward to neutralize enemy strong points and, braving enemy fire, ran from one tank telephone to another to designate Japanese targets. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Yahara and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- New Monmouth, N. J.  
E- " " " "  
21 June 1924

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 9-27-45  
Serial 35210  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT EDMUND R. YANOUSHEK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. During a daring assault on a Japanese-held airfield and the subsequent counterattacks repeatedly launched by the enemy throughout the night, Gunnery Sergeant Yanoushek continually exposed himself to fierce hostile gunfire as he moved from one gun position to another, encouraging the crews, placing the guns, directing the fire and, repairing and frequently manning the guns himself. His combat skill and aggressive fighting spirit were important factors in the success of his company's operations and reflect the highest credit upon Gunnery Sergeant Yanoushek and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R-Houston, Texas.  
B " "

SSMw/perm cit ltr fr CMC presented to parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Yanoushek, Sr., at an informal ceremony in this office, 4 Feb 1947, by OinC, USMC, DHRS, Houston, Texas. Due publicity was Given.

C O P Y

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Spot Award.  
Serial 01741  
Signed JAN 21 1944

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

PRIVATE ROBERT A. YATES, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Aircraft Group ~~TWENTY-THREE~~ during the bombing of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese forces on the night of October 13-14, 1942. When a direct bomb hit demolished a dugout in which six men had taken shelter, Private Yates answered a call for assistance and worked tirelessly to uncover four of the men still buried in the debris. Exposed to enemy shells from aircraft and surface vessels and lacking tools, he dug with his bare hands in a desperate but vain attempt to extricate his comrades. His great courage and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B-San Francisco, California  
R-Los Angeles, California

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Spot Award  
Serial 01741  
Signed JAN 21 1944

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

CORPORAL OTTO L. YEATER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Aircraft Group TWENTY-THREE during the bombing of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese forces on the night of October 13-14, 1943. When a direct bomb hit demolished a dugout in which he and five other men had taken shelter, Corporal Yeater, after being assisted from the debris, worked tirelessly with a companion to uncover those still buried in the ruins. Exposed to enemy shells from surface vessels and aircraft, and lacking tools, he dug with his bare hands for an hour and a half in a desperate but vain attempt to extricate his comrades. His courage and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B. Elkhart, Indiana.  
R. Elkhart, Indiana.

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Appd SofN 3-14-46  
Serial 52145  
Signed JUN 13 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MARK C. YOAKUM,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman in a platoon of Company L, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa in the Ryukyu Chain on 22 May 1945. When a bursting artillery shell hit near by and blew two Marines from their foxholes onto the open ground, Private First Class Yoakum heard the cries of the wounded men above the terrific noise created by the furious shelling and, unhesitatingly leaving the comparative safety of his own foxhole, braved a deadly rain of bullets in a valiant effort to rescue his companions. Grasping one of the men in his arms, he carried him to a defiladed area where a corpsman could administer first aid and, without a moment's rest, returned through the shattering barrage to bring back the other. Dazed and mortally wounded by a second shellburst, he struggled to his feet with his burden and, struggling desperately, succeeded in returning his companion to safety before he himself collapsed. By his courageous initiative, outstanding fortitude and concern for the safety of others in the face of grave personal danger, Private First Class Yoakum contributed to the saving of two men who otherwise might have perished, and his heroic conduct and selfless efforts throughout reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R..Sweetwater, Texas

B..Sweetwater, Texas

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. Ragan B. Yoakum, on 19Aug. 47 by Oinc HDRS, Dallas, Texas informally via reg. mail.

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Serial 8584  
Signed NOV 14 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM E. YORK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Seventh Regiment, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 4 October 1944. When his company was pinned down on a ridge by enemy machine-gun and small-arms fire, Private First Class York voluntarily advanced into an exposed area to locate a hostile machine-gun emplacement commanding the ridge and, undaunted by enemy fire, destroyed the hostile weapon with an automatic weapon. By his initiative and courage throughout this hazardous operation, Private First Class York enabled his company to continue its advance, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Penacook, New Hampshire,  
B--Boscawen, New Hampshire.

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Spot Award.  
Serial 0294.  
Signed JUL 15 1943

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

MAJOR DONALD K. YOST, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
in action as leader of a flight of fighter  
planes attached to Marine Aircraft Group FOURTEEN,  
First Marine Aircraft Wing, in combat with enemy  
Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on  
December 23 and 24, 1942. Leading his group of  
four fighters as escort for our dive bombers at-  
tacking Japanese land installations at Munda  
Point, Major Yost daringly intercepted enemy  
planes attacking the bombers and, despite heavy  
anti-aircraft fire, destroyed two of the hostile  
planes and completely disrupted the assault. The  
following day, he again led his command against  
the enemy with such outstanding skill and grim  
determination that ten Zeros were shot down, he,  
himself, accounting for four of them. His superb  
leadership and indomitable fighting spirit reflect  
great credit upon himself, his command, and the  
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX  
Secretary of the Navy.

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dential status of the specific  
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R - Princeton, New Jersey.

B - Bethesda, Pennsylvania.

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Serial 41635

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT DWIGHT A. YOUNG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. Observing that a rifle platoon in the company had become disorganized due to casualties, Second Lieutenant Young assumed command of the unit in the face of intense fire and, after reorganizing it, made a reconnaissance under heavy fire, thereby finding a route of approach into the enemy position. Attacking with his platoon, he neutralized the bunkers with explosives and, annihilating at least fifteen of the Japanese in the foxholes, continued until he had secured the ridge to the rear of the hostile position. After setting up a defense, he went forward one hundred yards with a runner to determine which were enemy-held positions, thus aiding his company in the successful advance the following day. His leadership, courage 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--Ilion, N. Y.

B--Bloomingdale, N. J.

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SPOT  
Serial 12879  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CAPTAIN GAVIN H. YOUNG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Headquarters and Service Battery, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. Informed that his organization was under attack while he was performing liaison duties with another battalion, Captain Young obtained permission to go to his own battalion and, taking several men and weapons with him, worked his way in the face of enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to the direction center where he directed the fire of several isolated defense units. When his battalion commander was killed, Captain Young assumed command and, by his leadership, courage and fighting spirit, contributed essentially to the successful defense of his position. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Valdez, Alaska,  
B--San Diego, California.



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Serial 829  
Signed

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

SERGEANT MAJOR JAMES K. YOUNG, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on the night of October 13-14, 1942. Voluntarily hurrying to fires started by enemy incendiaries and intense heavy shelling by a Japanese battleship offshore, Sergeant Major Young and two other marines succeeded in putting out two fires during the height of the bombardment and assisted in combating another in an adjacent area. When a direct hit on a dug-out trapped five of his comrades, he fearlessly went to their aid and assisted in extricating the wounded and removing them to a place of safety. As the Army units had just moved into bivouac that night and were undergoing their initial experience under fire, he and other marines made a reconnaissance of the area, offering assistance and looking for the wounded whom they removed to safety. His cool courage and fearless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Toledo, Ohio.

B - Detroit, Michigan.

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Serial 43550  
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

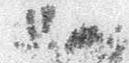
FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES P. YOUNG, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 23 February 1945. When a friendly Navy float-type plane was hit and crashed behind Japanese lines, First Lieutenant Young voluntarily led a rescue party which moved rapidly three hundred yards through hostile territory to the wreckage. Despite the imminent threat of an explosion from high octane gasoline which covered the immediate area and the constant danger of enemy ambush, he unhesitatingly risked his life to extricate two seriously injured members of the crew trapped in the wreckage. Continuing his valiant efforts, First Lieutenant Young removed documents and maps, assisted in administering first aid and in carrying the victims to the comparative safety of our lines. His courageous initiative and devotion to duty in the face of grave dangers were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

  
JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Dallas, Texas.  
B--Bennington, Oklahoma.

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Serial 44965  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN JOHN V. C. YOUNG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 and 20 February 1945. Landing in an area which was being subjected to a heavy barrage of enemy rifle, mortar and machine-gun fire, Captain Young found that his rifle company had intermingled with another unit which had previously landed. Despite the hostile fire, he moved from platoon to platoon, issuing orders and providing the necessary incentive to enable his men to move forward and clear the extremely dangerous beach sector. Shortly afterwards, despite grievous shrapnel wounds in the arm and back, Captain Young succeeded in assembling his company in the battalion area and directed the establishment of an effective night defensive position. Although suffering from his wounds, he summoned his Platoon Leaders on the following morning, briefed them in the plan for the continuation of the attack on Mount Suribachi and moved forward with his assault platoons. Wounded very seriously in the chest during this advance, he retained consciousness and transferred his company to his second in command. His skilled leadership, unselfish courage 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..San Francisco, Calif.,

B..San Francisco, Calif.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST SERGEANT LEONARD R. YOUNG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. When fierce mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire pinned down his company during its attack on a strongly-fortified ridge, First Sergeant Young unhesitatingly exposed himself to this fire in order to direct the employment of his company's machine guns. By his sound judgment in the selection of advantageous positions for the guns and his skillful direction of their fire which completely silenced the enemy, he enabled his company to continue its advance. Although seriously wounded by a hostile sniper, he refused to be evacuated and remained on the front lines to lead the machine gun section until the ridge had been taken. By his indomitable fighting spirit and able leadership, he contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of his company's mission, and his unswerving devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Concord, Calif.

B..Wapnucka, Okla.

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Serial 34081

Signed JUN 3 - 1946

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

SERGEANT THOMAS A. YOUNG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Platoon Leader, serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 27 February to 6 March 1945. When his platoon leader became a casualty during a furious engagement with the enemy on 27 February, Sergeant Young promptly assumed command and, fearlessly leading his men in repeated aggressive attacks during the sustained advance of our forces, contributed materially to the success of his company in overcoming fierce hostile resistance. Driving forward against an objective vital to the defense of his sector the night of 1 March, he led his platoon through onehundred yards of shattering machine-gun fire and, launching a determined strike, gained his position with a minimum of casualties among his men. With his platoon pinned down during a fierce action on 6 March, he continued his same daring tactics and, penetrating hostile fire lanes alone to locate the source of the deadly barrage, directed supporting weapons in eliminating the stronghold before he was fatally struck down by a sudden shellburst. Sergeant Young's forceful and inspiring leadership, bold initiative and valliant devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds were essential factors in the success of the bitterly fought Iwo campaign and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--South Coventry, Conn.

B--South Coventry, Conn.

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARL A. YOUNGDALE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Fourth Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. While leading his reconnaissance party ashore, Lieutenant Colonel Youngdale's boat was taken under fire by heavy artillery and mortars which continued to place heavy concentrations on the party when it hit the beach. Exposing himself to the intense and accurate fire, Lieutenant Colonel Youngdale reorganized and dispersed his group in order to present smaller targets to the enemy and, although several of his men sustained wounds, undoubtedly saved several lives by his action. Crawling forward in the face of machine-gun fire, he located a position with a better defilade, returned to the original location and led his men forward. He then made a reconnaissance of the designated Battalion position area through heavy mine fields to determine the locations for his firing batteries. His resourcefulness, able leadership and courageous 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.

B - Gowrie, Iowa.  
R - Harcourt, Iowa.

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Spot Award  
Serial 0056  
Signed JUL 17 1944

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

PLATOON SERGEANT WILLIAM I. YOUNT, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion during an attack along the Numa Numa-Piva trail, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 8, 1943. Leading a demolition squad under cover of darkness on a hazardous mission to place explosive charges along a trail near enemy lines, Platoon Sergeant Yount courageously repelled a sudden attack by ten Japanese soldiers armed with automatic weapons. Choosing a companion, he advanced toward the hostile unit and, firing his gun with grim determination, succeeded in killing at least six of the attackers and dispersing the remainder. Platoon Sergeant Yount's brilliant leadership and aggressive fighting spirit, which enabled his squad to fulfill its mission and return to our lines without loss of life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
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Spot Award  
Serial 00697  
Signed NOV 4 1948

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MICHAEL R. YUNCK, U.S.N.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to a detachment of Marine Observation Squadron TWO FIFTY-ONE in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area from October 26 to December 10, 1942. In this prolonged series of intense hostile activities, First Lieutenant Yunck, displaying superb airmanship participated in numerous hazardous missions, serving as leader of an eight-plane flight of fighters during the latter part of the period. On one occasion when his plane was so badly damaged by anti-aircraft fire that he was forced to land in the sea, First Lieutenant Yunck, through his own resourcefulness and sheer determination, made his way back, after three weeks, to his base on Guadalcanal to resume flight duties. Later, while leading a four-plane fighter group, he personally accounted for three of six enemy aircraft shot down in a vigorous engagement, and in this action received such extensive damage to his own plane that all the navigational instruments ceased to function. Despite this severe handicap and under extremely adverse conditions imposed by darkness and heavy rain, First Lieutenant Yunck, with excellent judgment and superior professional ability, successfully returned to his base. His dauntless courage and valiant devotion to duty in the face of great odds were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Washington, D. C.

B - Detroit, Michigan.